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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**FILE NO. **100-1068**

REPORT MADE AT <b>GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/22/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/11, 12, 13, 14/43</b> <b>9/7/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HERMAN WALTER MADDOX</b>	<b>LD</b>
TITLE <b>CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; Joseph Peter Kamp; Chester A. Hanson; W. Byron Swartz; John R. Waters; Frank Murphy</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G REGISTRATION ACT</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Subject MURPHY appeared in Grand Rapids territory in 1941. Information discloses he has contacted executives and business men advising them of work of the league, soliciting contributions and distributing alleged anti-Communist literature. Subject, in November, 1942, stated in Muskegon, Mich. that Attorney General of U.S. was "out and out Communist" and was in possession of a Communist card. Subject reported to approach contributors with anti-New Deal and anti-Communist propaganda. Contributions to subject MURPHY have been substantial.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau file 61-10355 Report of Special Agent C. RICHARD FULLER, dated 8/3/43 at Buffalo, N.Y.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>MR. JOHN C. BEUKEMA, Secretary-Manager of the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce, on October 22, 1942 furnished this office with information relative to FRANK MURPHY, one of the subjects in this case, who represented himself to be an agent of the said Constitutional Educational League.</p> <p>MR. BEUKEMA advised that MR. C. E. JOHNSON of the Sealed Power Corporation of Muskegon, Michigan, recently called him and asked what the Constitutional Educational League was about and if the files in the Chamber of Commerce at Muskegon contained any information with reference to that organization. MR. BEUKEMA stated that JOHNSON advised him that he gave to one FRANK MURPHY the sum of \$600 as a contribution to the League.</p>				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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MR. BEUKEMA stated that he advised MR. JOHNSON that the Constitutional Educational League did not have the endorsement of the United States Chamber of Commerce or the endorsement of the National Better Business Bureau. Mr. BEUKEMA stated that MR. JOHNSON said he was sending FRANK MURPHY down to the Chamber of Commerce to talk to him about the league and its work and purposes. He advised that MR. MURPHY did not come to the Chamber of Commerce until a few days later when MR. JOHNSON called and asked if MR. MURPHY had made his appearance, and when advised to the contrary, MR. JOHNSON stated that he was bringing MR. MURPHY down to talk to him. MR. BEUKEMA stated that he talked to MR. MURPHY for some time about the league and asked him if the league had the approval of the National Better Business Bureau. He further stated that he asked MR. MURPHY for a financial statement of the league, which MR. MURPHY refused to give. He stated that MURPHY said that the league was endorsed by the Dies Committee.

In the course of the conversation, MR. BEUKEMA stated that in an outburst by MR. MURPHY, he claimed that the Attorney-General of the United States was an "out and out Communist" and that at the present time the Attorney-General was in possession of a Communist card. MR. MURPHY advised MR. BEUKEMA that the town of Muskegon was one of the best towns in the United States from the standpoint of collections of the furtherance of the work of the league and made the assertion that the sum collected so far ran into four figures. MR. MURPHY asked MR. BEUKEMA if they would distribute the literature which would be published by the league, and MR. BEUKEMA advised him that they would not. MR. MURPHY advised that the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, had its national headquarters in the First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut; that the New York headquarters were located at 342 Madison Avenue, New York, that the midwest headquarters were located in the Pioneer Building, Madison, Wisconsin, and that the southern headquarters were located in the Protective Life Building, Birmingham, Alabama. MR. BEUKEMA advised the writer that he did not know very much about the Constitutional Educational League, but he understood it was supposed to be a non-profit and non-political organization which was founded in 1919, and that so far as he knew, there had never been an endorsement of that league by the United States Chamber of Commerce. He stated that at the present time he was writing to the United States Chamber of Commerce for further information relative to the work of the League.

MR. BEUKEMA was unable to furnish any additional information with reference to FRANK MURPHY, his address or his work, but he stated that the Subject had a letter in his possession from JOHN W. ELODGETT, Grand Rapids, Mich., which letter was an approval of the work of the league. He advised that MR. GEORGE CANNON of Campbell, Wyant and Cannon, Muskegon Heights, Michigan, was very much interested in the league and could furnish a great deal of information relative to FRANK MURPHY and in regard to the league.

MR. BEUKEMA stated that MR. L. C. WALKER of Muskegon, Michigan was also a contributor to the league. MR. BEUKEMA furnished the writer with two pamphlets put out by the Constitutional Educational League, one of which was entitled "How to Win the War and Lose What We are Fighting For" and "What's Cookin'", which pamphlet deals with the rationing of sugar, rubber, and gas.

MR. C. E. JOHNSON, President of the Sealed Power Corporation, advised he first became acquainted with subject FRANK MURPHY in 1942 after he had received a telephone call from MR. GEORGE CANNON, President of the Campbell, Wyant and Cannon foundry in Muskegon. He said MR. CANNON wanted him to talk to MR. MURPHY and for him to explain the program to him. He said inasmuch as MR. CANNON was one of his close personal friends he felt he should talk to MR. MURPHY and that MR. MURPHY did come to his office and explained the work of the Constitutional Educational League. He said he had made contributions which amounted to approximately \$700 or \$800 to MR. MURPHY but that approximately three months ago when MR. MURPHY was again in his office he told MR. MURPHY he did not want to see him again. He said every time MR. MURPHY came to his office and told him about the Communists who were working for the Government in Washington, D.C. that he became so upset he could not rest. He said he had never been able to understand just exactly what MR. MURPHY was driving at but he recalled the last time he was in his office that he said "When the time comes we will strike and when we strike we will win". MR. JOHNSON said he had no idea what MR. MURPHY was referring to. He said he had never heard MR. MURPHY express any anti-Facist or anti-Axis sentiments but that it was always talk directed against the Communists.

He said he understood from MR. CANNON that the Constitutional Educational League would furnish literature to the various industrialists in the City of Muskegon and that this literature was to be handed out by the said industrialists, however, MR. JOHNSON said he had only received a small amount of the literature and that the last pamphlet which he received was entitled, "Famine in America", a copy of which was turned over to the writer and is being retained in the files of this office.

MR. JOHNSON said in 1942 when he first met MR. MURPHY that he called MR. JOHN BEUKEMA, Secretary-Manager of the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce. He said he wanted to know if the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. had the endorsement of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and that he was advised by MR. BEUKEMA it did not have the endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce. MR. JOHNSON said he advised MR. BEUKEMA he was sending MR. MURPHY down to the Chamber of Commerce to talk to him and that since MR. MURPHY did not call as promised the next time he saw him he personally took MR. MURPHY down to see MR. BEUKEMA and that MR. BEUKEMA talked with him for a considerable period of time about the league.

MR. JOHNSON was unable to furnish any specific information other than the statements set forth above that had been made by the subject, however he did say that he had always been skeptical of MURPHY and he felt he was conducting his racket and that consequently he did not care to have any further dealings with him and that he had so advised MURPHY. He said MR. GEORGE CANNON was entirely sold on the idea of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. and that it had more or less become a pet project of his in the City of Muskegon and that anyone making any disparaging remarks about the league would not meet with the approval of MR. CANNON.

MR. O. A. SYFERTH, President of the West Michigan Steel Foundry Co. advised in 1941 he became acquainted with subject FRANK MURPHY through MR. GEORGE CANNON of Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry. He stated inasmuch as he had always headed many drives for the Community Chest, etc. in the City of Muskegon and inasmuch as Mr. CANNON had always been one of the more liberal contributors he felt he should make a contribution to the Constitutional Educational League purely as a matter of friendship to MR. GEORGE CANNON. He said the program of the Constitutional Educational League, as explained to him at that time, was that literature regarding the Communists would be furnished a list of individual workers whose names were to be supplied by the industrialist. MR. SYFERTH said he was skeptical of MURPHY from the first time he ever saw him and therefore after he furnished a list of workers to be supplied literature from the Constitutional Educational League and who were workers in his plant that he personally made a check among the workers and at no time did they ever receive any literature from the League. He said he called this matter to the attention of MR. CANNON at the time and told MR. CANNON that MURPHY was conducting a racket among the industrialists and that no further contact should be had with him, however, he said MR. CANNON was sold on the idea and had gone along with MURPHY during the past three years.

MR. SYFERTH said he told MR. MURPHY he was conducting a racket and that he did not want him to come into his office at any time in the future. He said that he had never heard MR. MURPHY express any anti-Facist or anti-Axis sentiments but that it had always been directed against the Communists who were reported to be employed by the U.S. Government.

MR. SYFERTH said that it was his opinion that MR. MURPHY was able to sell MR. GEORGE CANNON on the work of the League due primarily to the fact that in 1941 labor troubles were developing in the Campbell, Wyant and Cannon foundry and that organization by the Union was being attempted. He said he understood MR. MURPHY told MR. CANNON he would prevent labor from organizing in his plant through propaganda that would be put out by the League and distributed among the workers.

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MR. SYFERTH said since he had not had any labor difficulties in his plant and that his plant was already organized at the time MR. MURPHY came to him with reference to the work of the League he did not take any stock in the propaganda that was being issued by the League and that he had advised industrialists in the City of Muskegon that MURPHY was a racketeer and was conducting a racket purely for personal gain.

MR. JOHN C. BEUKEMA, Secretary Manager of the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce, was recontacted by the writer and he advised the files in his office failed to disclose any additional information with reference to the Constitutional Educational League except that a letter from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce advised him that the Chamber of Commerce did not endorse the Constitutional Educational League. He said his files also contained information which had been furnished by the National Information Bureau, Inc. to the effect that when JOSEPH KAMP was asked why he had not filed a financial statement KAMP replied "because we do not wish to be bothered by the groups whose propaganda we are combatting".

MR. BEUKEMA stated also that MURPHY claimed that MR. KEMPER, former President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, had endorsed the Constitutional Educational League but he said a communication from the U. S. Chamber of Commerce advised him that a check of the records in the national offices of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce failed to reflect any record that MR. KEMPER had ever written to the Constitutional Educational League as President of the Chamber of Commerce. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce also advised in a letter dated October 29, 1942 to MR. BEUKEMA that they had never been able to obtain a financial statement of the Constitutional Educational League.

MR. C. J. REESE, President of the Continental Motors Corporation, advised he was introduced to MR. MURPHY by MR. GEORGE CANNON and that he listened to Mr. MURPHY explain the work of the Constitutional Educational League in 1941 but that he was not sold on the idea and that he did not care to have any connections with that organization and consequently he made no contributions to the League. He said it was his impression at the time that due to labor difficulties MR. CANNON was having in his plant he was interested in the work of the League because he said it was anti-New Deal and anti-Communist and that MR. MURPHY had sold MR. CANNON on the idea he would be able to prevent labor from organizing his plant. MR. REESE stated he had not seen Mr. MURPHY since 1941.

[redacted] advised that most of the information which he had received regarding MR. MURPHY was through the industrialists in the town who had made contributions to the League. He said that at one time he personally discussed the Constitutional Educational League with Mr. FULTON OWSLER, associate editor of the Liberty Magazine, at which time MR. OWSLER stated he did not know very much about the League except that they used anti-Communist propaganda and

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that he had been unable to ascertain that there was anything anti-Nazi in the movement. [ ] said on one occasion when he talked to MR. MURPHY he called attention to the fact that the Constitutional Educational League had been named in an indictment which was returned in New York and that MR. MURPHY said it was a lie and got extremely excited and mad over the fact being called to his attention and that later he received a letter from Mr. MURPHY in which he stated that the League had been exonerated and given a clean bill of health. b7D

[ ] said that MURPHY had canvassed the City of Muskegon and had obtained considerable money from the industrialists in that town merely through the efforts of GEORGE CANNON who had accepted the work of the League as one of his pet projects and felt the League was doing a great deal of good. He said he had never heard MR. MURPHY express any Anti-Nazi sentiments and that that was one reason he had always been skeptical of the work of the League and that he had always felt it was a big racket in which the industrialists throughout the country were being bled for contributions.

MR. T. J. RABEY, Merchants Service Bureau and H. W. VANDERVEN, Continental Motors Corporation were contacted with negative results.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

September 23, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: <sup>①</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.;  
Joseph Peter Kamp; Chester A. Hanson;  
W. Byron Swartz; John E. Waters; Frank  
Murphy  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G  
REGISTRATION ACT

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DATE 02-01-01 BY 30003/ELW-JAR-11

Dear Sir:

In the report of Special Agent C. RICHARD FULMER, dated 8/3/43 at Buffalo, N.Y. a lead is set out for this office to contact GEORGE CANNON, Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Company and ascertain information he has concerning the subject, FRANK MURPHY.

No attempt is being made at this time to contact GEORGE CANNON of the Campbell, Wyant and Cannon Foundry unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau. It is not deemed advisable to contact Mr. CANNON at this time relative to the work of the above League and the activities of FRANK MURPHY inasmuch as he is apparently sold on the idea of the work of the League and considers his activity with the League as one of his pet projects. MR. CANNON is one of the leading industrialists in the City of Muskegon, Mich. and is an elderly man who, according to information, is easily excited and informants state they do not think it would be wise to contact MR. CANNON relative to this matter since information can be obtained from other sources.

Very truly yours,

*M. W. McFarlin*  
M. W. McFARLIN, SAC

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cc-New Haven



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Date:

To: Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

Attention: Mr. C. John Rogge

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: UNITED STATES vs. GERALD B. WINROD, ET AL  
SEDITION

As a matter of information, you are advised that the Bridgeport, Connecticut, Sunday Herald for September 12, 1943, carried an article entitled, "Petitions Burn Heat on Kamp," which stated that four national organizations, The National Negro Congress, Council for Pan-American Democracy, International Labor Defense and National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, are circulating a petition headed, "Defend America! Jail the Seditious! Outlaw the Klan! Smash the Fifth Column!"

The article referred to the instant case with the subscription, "Signers Complain JJ Seditious Have Not Been Brought to Trial Yet," and then quoted the petition being circulated by these organizations as follows:

"Dear Mr. President, After the outbreak of race rioting in Mobile, Los Angeles, Beaumont and Detroit, you wrote that these 'recent outbreaks of violence in widely scattered parts of the country endanger our national unity and comfort our enemies.'

"Patriotic Americans particularly welcomed your statement that you had asked the attorney general, among others, to give special attention to the problem of race riots.

"Unfortunately the attorney general, apparently ignoring this request, has thus far failed to take action against those groups whose activities are known to have been a major factor in the insurrections which caused the loss of over 1,000,000 man hours of war work and dangerously threatened the unity of the home front.

"We therefore petition you, Mr. President, to direct the attorney general to take immediate action to bring the JJ indicted seditious to trial and to arrest and prosecute the leaders of the Ku Klux Klan, the American First party, the National Workers League and others whose names are known to the Justice Department and to disband all pro-fascist groups in the United States."

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**United States Department of Justice**

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Director, FBI

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RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE,  
INC.; ET AL  
REGISTRATION ACT  
Bureau File No. 61-10355

Dear Sir:

In the "Bridgeport, Connecticut Sunday Herald" of September 12, 1943, appeared an article entitled, "Petitions Turn Heat on KAMP". This article was sub-captioned, "Signers Complain 33 Seditonists Haven't Been Brought to Trial Yet".

This article went on to state that four national organizations, which are the National Negro Congress, Council for Pan-American Democracy, International Labor Defense and National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, are circulating a petition headed, "Defend America! Jail the Seditonists! Outlaw the Klan! Smash the Fifth Column!"

The petition states, "Dear Mr. President, After the outbreak of race rioting in Mobile, Los Angeles, Beaumont and Detroit, you wrote that these 'recent outbreaks of violence in widely scattered parts of the country endanger our national unity and comfort our enemies.'

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"to trial and to arrest and prosecute the leaders of the Ku Klux Klan, the America First party, the National Workers league and others whose names are known to the Justice Department and to disband all pro-fascist groups in the United States."

The article then gave a little background information on the Constitutional Educational League, claiming it was a "New Haven propaganda outfit which, according to a federal grand jury, was used in a 10-year German plot to prepare the U. S. A. for a Nazi conquest".

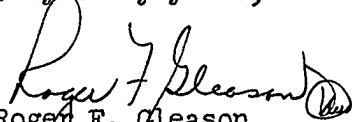
It is pointed out that the "Bridgeport Sunday Herald" is published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and has five Sunday editions, a special edition for each large City in Connecticut, which cities are New Haven, Hartford, Stamford, Bridgeport and Eastern, Connecticut.

Confidential Informants in the [redacted] section have advised that the "Bridgeport Sunday Herald" follows the Communist Party line. They have further pointed out that they did not know if this is due to the editorial policy of the newspaper or to the fact that certain reporters are members of the Communist Party. The paper itself claims to be pro-Labor. Its publisher is LEIGH DANENBERG, who is also the Chairman of the Russian War Relief, Incorporated, in Bridgeport.

It has been reported to this office, although not yet proven, that the actual owner of the "Bridgeport Herald" is SAM CARP, brother-in-law of MOLOTOV, high Russian official.

The above is being called to the Bureau's attention for informational purposes.

Very truly yours,

  
Roger F. Gleason,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICEURGENT

RECORDED To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

October 6, 1943

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, NEW YORK  
NEW HAVEN

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE INCORPORATED, ET AL; RA.  
DEPARTMENT DESIRES VERIFICATION OF DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF JOSEPH  
P. KAMP, VARIOUSLY STATED TO BE YONKERS, NEW YORK; MONTREAL, CANADA;  
AND GERMANY. NEW YORK INSTRUCTED TO CHECK FOR RECORD AT YONKERS AND  
NEW HAVEN WILL ATTEMPT THROUGH SOURCES OF INFORMATION TO OBTAIN  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: October 9, 1943

To: SAC, New York

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INCORPORATED, et al;  
REGISTRATION ACT

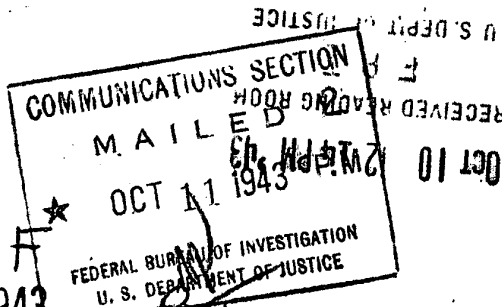
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Reference is made to your letter of October 1, 1943, in  
which you request advice as to whether or not [redacted]  
[redacted] Joseph P. Kamp, should be contacted by Agents of your  
Office.

This is to advise that the available information concerning  
[redacted] has been referred to the Department. Until further advice  
is received no contacts should be made with [redacted]

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Director, FBI

RE: <sup>0</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE,  
INCORPORATED, et al;  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(Bureau File 61-10355)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 1, 1943 referring to a teletype from the New York Field Division dated August 21, 1943 in which reference was made to [redacted] to JOSEPH P. KAMP.

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In the Bureau letter it was suggested that further consideration be given to developing [redacted] as an informant in instant case. The Bureau has been furnished complete information with respect to [redacted] and it is requested that this office be advised whether or not [redacted] is to be contacted by an agent of this office.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
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REGISTRATION ACT. RE BUREAU TELETYPE OCTOBER SIXTH, FORTYTHREE.  
SOURCES OF INFORMATION CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. LOCAL BOARDS  
CANVASSED AT NEW HAVEN AND MILFORD FOR JOSEPH P. KAMPS REGISTRATION,  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT, HARTFORD, ADVISED  
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, GIVING ADDRESS AS SIX ~~SEVEN~~ SEVEN MAPLE STREET  
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THROUGH FORTYONE. ON APPLICATION KAMP CLAIMED TO HOLD DRIVERS  
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TION GIVEN AS MAY THREE, NINETN HUNDRED, AT YONKRS, NEW YORK PAGE  
NINETEEN OF REPORT OF SA J. J. BOWMAN, NEW HAVEN, DATED APRIL TWENTYONE  
LAST, IN INSTANT CASE REFLECTS JOSEPH P. KAMP ADVISED HE WAS BORN  
MAY THREE, NINETEEN HUNDRED, AT YONKERS, NEW YORK. NEW YORK FIELD  
DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO VERIFY THE SUBJECTS BIRTH DATE AT YONKERS.

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# Constitutional Educational League

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342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
831 CHAPEL STREET  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

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## OWI "EXPERTS"



### "Two Comedians - Two Talkative Clowns"

JAN WERICH (left) and GEORGE VOSKEVIC (right) are in charge of the Czechoslovak bureau of the OWI. Their salaries are \$3800 each. They are Communist propagandists who were leaders in the revolutionary theatre in Prague. The Communist newspaper "DAILY WORKER" on Oct. 31, 1938 boasted how they were brought to the United States through a subterfuge and of their narrow escape as political refugees. They were praised as actors, "comedians" and "talkative clowns." Now they are OWI "experts."

See FACT-O-GRAM No. 12 for the full story.



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Mr. Tom C. Clark  
Assistant Attorney General

Attention Mr. O. John Rogge

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., et al  
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to your memorandum of recent date requesting verification of the birth date of subject Joseph P. Kamp.

I am now in receipt of information that Kamp was born May 3, 1900, at Yonkers, New York, and is registered under the name Joseph William Kamp, birth certificate number 18216.

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Samuel Klaus

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to the memorandum of Mr. Samuel Klaus, dated October 2, 1943, addressed to Mr. J. K. Mumford of this Bureau and requesting any material available in connection with the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

For your information there is attached a memorandum containing a summary of all of the information in the Bureau's possession concerning this organization.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nelson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.

ORIGIN

The Constitutional Educational League was incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut in 1937. Its officers at that time were Joseph P. Kamp, Chairman, New York City; W. Byron Swartz, Vice President, Orange, Connecticut; Chester A. Hanson, Treasurer and Agent, Milford, Connecticut; and Madelyn A. Cannon, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary, New Haven, Connecticut.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

It appears, however, that subject organization was in existence for a number of years prior to 1937, as an unincorporated body with headquarters in the First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut. As such its indicated purpose under the direction of Chester A. Hanson and Joseph P. Kamp was to develop facts concerning the workings of Communism and other alien movements and to disseminate this information through every known means of public expression including newspapers, magazines, speakers and the radio.

At the time of its incorporation in 1937, the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., indicated that its corporate purposes were:

"To bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our Government and the guarantees and provisions of its instrument, the Constitution of the United States; to inculcate patriotism and love of country; to investigate and expose the subversive elements which are seeking to undermine the faith of the American people in their institutions and to foster this general program through the medium of the spoken word."

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS

The League maintains its headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, at which its principal volume of business is conducted. In addition thereto, it maintains an office at 631 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut; and a branch office at Madison, Wisconsin, under the direction of John E. Waters, head of the Midwestern district of the League. A southern branch which is now closed was formerly maintained in Birmingham, Alabama. Efforts to establish offices in other cities of the United States appear to have been unsuccessful.

Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICERS

The officers of the League at the time of its incorporation have heretofore been set forth. More recent information indicates that the officers of the League are as follows:

Chairman - Brigadier General Luke H. Callan, recent candidate for Governor of Rhode Island.

Executive Vice Chairman - Joseph P. Kamp, former Vice President, Kamp Construction Company and Editor and Publisher of "The Awakener" of New York City.

Vice Chairman - W. Byron Swartz, Byron Tire and Rubber Co. New Haven, Connecticut.

Vice Chairman - Judge Leonard McMahon, Danbury, Connecticut.

Secretary Southern Department - Mildred M. Hall, Birmingham, Alabama.

Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer - Madelyn Cannon.

Midwest Secretary - John E. Waters, Madison, Wisconsin.

It has been reported that many of the committeemen of the League have been active in veteran circles and have included Major General R. E. Noble, former Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commander Nelson Pickering, a Connecticut manufacturer.

Under the actual leadership of Joseph P. Kamp, the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., has been conducting most of its business at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

From the inside cover of the booklet "The Fifth Column in Washington" published in June, 1940, by the League, the following brief history of Kamp appears:

"In 1933 - 1934, Mr. Kamp was Executive Vice President of the Robert J. Wagner Democratic Association in the democratic stronghold of the Nation, Senator Robert J. Wagner's district. In September, 1934, he was named Secretary of the General Committee of the Westchester County New York democratic organization; a designation which, however, he was unable to accept. An editor of newspapers and magazines and for more than twenty years a student of subversive movements, he writes with authority."

Until 1937, Kamp was Executive Editor and Publisher of the now defunct magazine "Awakener" which is described by the publication "The Hour" as having been a Fascist magazine. Associated with Kamp in his publication of the "Awakener" was Harold Lloyd Barney. Barney was connected with the Italian Historical Society of New York and collaborated with Kamp in the publication of the pamphlet entitled "Join The CIO and Help Build A Soviet America."

"The Hour" which is a mimeographed publication reported to be subsidized by the Anti-Defamation League, claims in the issue of August 17, 1940, that Kamp was one of the sponsors of the "pro-American mass meeting" which was addressed by Major John E. Kelley identified as a Fascist of Jersey City, New Jersey, who has spoken before meetings of the German-American Bund and the Christian Front. Kamp is known to have distributed anti-Semitic literature. At one time he concentrated on the distribution of the forged "Benjamin Franklin letter" relating to the Jews. Another anti-Semitic publication which Kamp distributed was "Why Are the Jews Persecuted for Their Religion?" "The Hour" further states that Kamp is known to have cooperated with William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirts. He is reported to be an intimate acquaintance of Elizabeth Dilling, the author of the "Red Network."

Information which is unverified has been received to the effect that Kamp has an autographed photograph of Adolf Hitler in his office at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

John E. Waters who is the Midwest Chairman of the League at Madison, Wisconsin, published a booklet called "Red Justice." The advertisement of this book states that Waters traveled in the Soviet Union from 1929 to 1931. He is reported to be well educated and to be a prolific "ghost writer" who has made numerous speeches against Communism. There is some indication that Waters may entertain mildly pro-German sentiments and he is regarded as being one hundred per cent anti-Communist.

#### ACTIVITIES

The activities of the League date back approximately ten years prior to its incorporation. Among the publications issued by this League are:

- "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America"  
(1937)
- "The Hell of Herrin....Rages Again" (1937)
- "Headlines and What's Behind Them" (1939)
- "The Fifth Column in Washington!" (1940)

- "The Fifth Column in the South" (1940)
- "The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" (1941)
- "The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" (1941)
- "Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For" (1942)
- "Native Nazi Purge Plot" (1942)
- "What's Cookin'" (1942)
- "Famine in America" (1943)
- "Mr. Congressman: This Man Says....You Are a Traitor" (1943)

Various pamphlets headed:

"Department of Justice Memo Re: --."

All of these pamphlets carry the words "Strictly Confidential" and "From the Secret Files of the FBI" on the cover. They pertain to the following subjects:

- "National Negro Congress" (1942)
- "American Youth Congress" (1942)
- "Washington Cooperative Bookshop" (1943)
- "American Peace Mobilization";  
"American Peoples Mobilization" (1943)
- "League of American Writers" (1943)
- "The American League Against War and Fascism";  
"The American League for Peace and Democracy" (1943)
- "The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties" (1943)
- "National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners";  
"National Committee for People's Rights" (1943)
- "Washington Committee for Democratic Action" (1943)

"Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" and "The Hell of Herrin....Rages Again" both attack John L. Lewis and the CIO. Lewis is accused of being "Communistically inclined" and "a traitor to labor."

"The Fifth Column in Washington" was published in June, 1940, and contains a list of employees of the Government who are alleged to be Communists or Communist sympathizers. Among those listed are Robert Lovett, Secretary of the Virgin Islands; Robert H. Jackson, then Attorney General of the United States; Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior; and Madame Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

"The Fifth Column in the South" points out the alleged dangerous growth of Communism in that part of the country and accuses Mrs. Roosevelt of heading the Communist movement by her financial assistance to the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee. It also attacks the spread of the CIO through the South and states that the Communists and the CIO were working together particularly among the southern negroes.

"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" advocates continuance of this committee. It accuses the Department of Justice of alleged attempts to bring the Dies Committee into ill repute.

"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" is a map which purports to indicate the various Nazi, Fascist, and Communist spots in the United States.

The pamphlet "Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For," seems to be a follow-up to the pamphlet "The Fifth Column in Washington." It reiterates in substance the complaint of the Dies Committee that "Reds" have infiltrated into leading positions in our Government. It concludes with a form letter on the back page urging the President "to purge the Government of these un-American elements." It requests that this letter be sent to the President.

"Native Nazi Purge Plot," is primarily concerned with present political developments and charges that the present administration is attempting to purge both the Senate and the House of Representatives of those who did not support the administration's foreign policy prior to the war. It criticizes the publication entitled "The Hour" an anti-Nazi news sheet published in New York City; The Union for Democratic Action; the Communist Party; The Council for Democracy; Friends of Democracy, and other organizations, inferring both by direct statement and innuendo that these organizations are Communist dominated. The pamphlet also contains various statements lauding the activities of the Dies Committee.

"What's Cookin'" purports to tell the "truth" about the rationing of sugar, rubber, and gas and attempts to show a great amount of confusion among various Government agencies as to the necessity of the rationing of the above articles.

"Famine in America" is a diatribe against the administration and especially against Joseph Weiner of the Office of Civilian Supply for his "slashing" of the manufacture of farm machinery by an estimated 70%, as well



as his cutting down of farm production in this country. The article quotes numerous Congressmen and concludes that there is a strong possibility of a famine in this country unless something is done to relieve the restrictions now placed on the farmers. The solution, as advocated by the League, is to "purge Government Departments....of all Communist and Socialist 'class warriors,' incompetents, visionaries....and misfits," and to "place the Nation's affairs....in the hands of capable, experienced, honest experts whose loyalty to American principles of Government has never been questioned."

The pamphlet "Mr. Congressman: This Man Says....You Are a Traitor" has on the cover a photograph of Walter Winchell in the uniform of a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. Winchell is upbraided for inferring that certain Congressmen are traitors to the country and a clipping from the Herald-Tribune dated February 9, 1943, and headed "Winchell's 'trap' story is refuted by the FBI" is reproduced on the back cover.

The "National Negro Congress" pamphlet contains an outline of the background and activities of Congress including its purported connection with the Communist Party.

The pamphlet on "American Youth Congress" is similar to that mentioned above and also attempts to show the relationship between the Communist Party and the "American Youth Congress."

The "Washington Cooperative Bookshop" pamphlet outlines the alleged activities of the Bookshop and its Communist connections.

The pamphlet on the "American Peace Mobilization," later called the "American Peoples Mobilization" alleges that the organization is controlled by the Communist Party. The main reason for this allegation is given as the change in policy of the organization immediately after the attack by Germany on Russia from one of non-intervention to one of all-out aid to Russia.

The pamphlet pertaining to the "League of American Writers" cites the activities of the League in changing from condemnation of possible United States participation in the war as of June, 1941 to advocacy of all-out aid to the Soviet Union in July, 1941. This attitude is given as evidence of Communist Party affiliation.

The pamphlet concerning the "American League Against War and Fascism," later called the "American League for Peace and Democracy" gives the background and activities of this organization and purports to show that it is Communist controlled.

The "National Federation for Constitutional Liberties" pamphlet outlines the activities of the Federation and alleges that the organization was formed as a "Trojan Horse" for the Communist Party.

The pamphlet on the "National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners," later called "National Committee for the Peoples Rights," outlines the activities of the Committee and characterizes it as "transmission belt" for the Communist Party.

The "Washington Committee for Democratic Action" pamphlet purports to outline the aims and purposes of the Committee as well as its alleged tie-in with the Communist Party.

The letterhead of the League reflects it was founded in 1919 as a non-political and a non-profit organization. In the immediate years prior to its incorporation in 1937 and for a time thereafter it had a group of sponsors. Concerning these original sponsors the Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Connecticut, reports they appear above question. It is rumored that many of them resigned because the group had strayed from its original purpose.

Numerous reports have been received that the organization is pro-Axis. To date no information has been developed indicating the League is a subversive organization. On one occasion Gerald B. Winrod, Wichita, Kansas, wrote a form letter endorsing the League's publication "The Fifth Column in Washington."

Detailed information concerning the financial condition of the League, covering the period of January 1, to December 31, 1939, showed total receipts of \$44,787.25, and disbursements of \$33,493.47 for the period reported.

The agency to which the financial statement was submitted attempted on a subsequent occasion to bring the financial condition of the League up to date and accordingly submitted a regular questionnaire requesting the pertinent material. The League on this occasion did not supply a financial statement but advised in effect that during the twelve-month period of 1940 over five million pieces of literature were distributed including booklets, pamphlets and "throw-aways." Speakers representing the League appeared before hundreds of gatherings, ranging in size from twenty-five to five thousand persons. The League cited as an example its activities in the State of Wisconsin, where one of its representatives spoke to assemblies of nearly one half the schools and colleges, sometimes making five appearances in one day. As a result mass meetings occurred which were sponsored jointly by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Chambers of Commerce, Service Clubs, churches and fraternal organizations. The League estimated that in this one single venture it reached between one and two hundred thousand persons.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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October 2, 1943

MEMORANDUM to Mr. *Mumford*:

I would appreciate receiving any material which you have on the Constitutional Educational League of New Haven, Connecticut. This information is requested in connection with the study of tax exempt organizations now being made.

*Samuel Klaus*  
SAMUEL KLAUS

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc.  
342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1943.

TO ALL UNITED STATES SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, FRANCIS LEOPOLD WIENER, THE 15-YEAR-OLD, \$3800 OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION EMPLOYEE, LISTED IN OUR LAST FACT-O-GRAM, IS NO LONGER ON THE GOVERNMENT PAYROLL. OWI EXPLAINED HE HAD BEEN PAID ONLY BETWEEN \$200 AND \$300, AND ADDED NAIVELY HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO WORK A FULL YEAR TO EARN \$3800. IT DID NOT OCCUR TO THE OWI THAT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED TO DO A FULL YEAR'S "WORK" FOR A FULL YEAR'S PAY.

NO DOUBT YOU RECALL THE "MORONIC LITTLE KING" EPISODE. THE MASTER-MIND RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS FAUX PAS WAS JAMES P. WARBURG, ALIAS "JOHN DURFEE," ALIAS "WALLACE HERRICK." YOU SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF MR. WARBURG AND HIS COUSIN, INGRID WARBURG, THE CONTINENTAL GADABOUT. THEY HELPED ORGANIZE A PRIVATE AGENCY CALLED "SHORT WAVE RESEARCH, INC." TO ASSIST NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES. ITS PAYROLL WAS MET, (WITH QUESTIONABLE LEGALITY) BY GOVERNMENT FUNDS THROUGH THE OWI TO THE TUNE OF MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN LESS THAN A YEAR. "SHORT WAVE RESEARCH," ACTING AS A SEMI-OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED HUNDREDS OF EUROPEAN REFUGEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT PAYROLL; 360 WERE GIVEN JOBS WITH THE OWI.

"SHORT WAVE RESEARCH" WAS RUN BY FRANCES KEENE (RATENSKY), A FORMER SCRIPT WRITER FOR THE SOCIALIST RADIO STATION WEVD (NAMED FOR RED REVOLUTIONARY EUGENE V. DEBS). SWR'S SECRETARY WAS EDWARD C. CARTER, CHAIRMAN OF RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF. ITS TREASURER WAS DAVID SEIFERHELD, WHO HELPED FINANCE THE RED-INSPIRED PURGE CAMPAIGN AGAINST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LAST FALL AND IS NOW ON THE GOVERNMENT PAYROLL.

CONGRESS SHOULD ALSO LOOK INTO OTHER PRIVATE OUTFITS FUNCTIONING AS SEMI-OFFICIAL, BEHIND-THE-SCENES AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. ONE SUCH AGENCY IS THE MAZZINI SOCIETY, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED BY A GROUP OF ITALIAN ANARCHISTS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LATELY MURDERED CARLO TRESCA. MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT ANARCHISTS WERE MOSTLY FASCISTS AND REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISTS. IF CONGRESS WILL DIG DEEP ENOUGH IT WILL DISCOVER THAT THE MAZZINI SOCIETY ALSO RECEIVED FUNDS WHICH CAME OUT OF THE TAXPAYERS' POCKET.

CONGRESSMAN DICKSTEIN SAID ON JUNE 17, 1941, THAT THE MAZZINI IS A GROUP OF "FASCISTS WHO HAVE FALLEN APART RECENTLY FROM THE COUNCILS OF THE PARTY AND WHO WISH TO PROPAGATE THEIR OWN BRAND OF FASCISM." THE MAZZINI SOCIETY, AND THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL ARE MAKING INVESTIGATIONS AND RECOMMENDING EMPLOYEES TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING THE WPD AND THE OWI. THE "LABOR COUNCIL" IS HEADED BY LUIGI ANTONINI, WHO FINANCED THE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER "STAMPA LIBERA," WAS A LEADER IN THE SOCIALIST RAND SCHOOL (CONVICTED FOR VIOLATING THE ESPIONAGE ACT DURING THE LAST WAR) AND A SUPPORTER OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS.

ANOTHER PRIVATE AGENCY—REALLY A RACKET—WHICH CLAIMS SEMI-OFFICIAL STANDING AS AN "INVESTIGATOR" FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING OWI AND FCC, IS THE MIS-CALLED "NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS, INC." HEADED BY AN EARLY LEADER OF THE NOTORIOUS COMMUNIST AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM, IT IS A VICIOUS PRIVATE GESTAPO, MAINTAINED IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW, AND IT PERSECUTES, SMEARS AND BOYCOTS LOYAL AMERICANS. BEFORE THE WAR THIS SELF-STYLED, SEMI-OFFICIAL ARM OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS FINANCED IN PART WITH NAZI FUNDS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW ALL THE FACTS ABOUT OUTSIDE GROUPS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLACING EMPLOYEES ON THEIR PAYROLL. IT SHOULD BE CLEARED UP HOW A MAN LIKE CARLO APRATO (ALIAS "PERINI," ALIAS "DUPREZ," ALIAS "HONO," ALIAS "JANOTO," EXPELLED FROM SWITZERLAND AS AN AGENT OF THE COMINTERN AND LISTED BY THE CRIMINAL ALIEN BUREAU OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT AS "THE PAYOFF MAN FOR THE OGPU"—SOVIET SECRET POLICE) CAME TO BE MADE CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN BUREAU OF THE OWI AT \$4600. TRUE, APRATO "RESIGNED," BUT WHO SPONSORED HIM? AND WHAT ABOUT OWI'S SCRIPT EDITOR, LEO WOLLENBORG, WHO WAS HISTORIAN OF THE FASCIST PARTY IN ITALY UNTIL HE CAME TO THE U.S. AS A RACIAL REFUGEE? HE WAS HIRED THROUGH "SHORT WAVE RESEARCH."

IT SHOULD ALSO BE EXPLAINED HOW JAN WERICH AND VOSKOVEC, COMMUNIST PROPAGANDISTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF REVOLUTIONARY THEATRES WITH HEADQUARTERS IN MOSCOW, WERE BROUGHT INTO THIS COUNTRY THROUGH A SUBTERFUGE WITH VISAS SECURED BY A COMMUNIST FRONT AND LATER HIRED AS THE EDITORS IN CHARGE OF THE OWI PAPER FOR THE "DAILY WORKER." ON OCT. 21, 1938, PRAISED THEM AS ACTORS, "COMEDIANS" AND "TALKATIVE CLOWNS." NOW THEY ARE OWI "EXPERTS" AT \$3800 A YEAR.

PAUL KERI, CONVICTED MURDERER AND THE COMMUNIST AGENT CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLOODY BOLSHIEVICK REGIME OF BELA KUN IN HUNGARY, WAS MADE OWI'S HUNGARIAN "EXPERT." KERI'S OWI AIDE IS JOHN TERELESSY, FORMER COMMUNIST COMMISSAR IN SLOVAKIA. FRANZ HOELLERING, GERMAN RED LEADER, BECAME CHIEF OF OWI'S GERMAN SECTION. PAUL HAGEN, ALIAS "WILLI MUELLER," CONVICTED KIDNAPPER AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE BERLIN COMMUNIST PARTY EXECUTIVE IS CARRIED ON OWI ROLLS AS "CARL FRANK." LEE FALK, BORN GROSS ALIAS EPSTEIN, A COMIC STRIP CARTOONIST, WHO INSISTED THAT COMMUNISTS BE A PART OF OWI "VICTORY COUNCILS," BOSSSED THE WHOLE FOREIGN LANGUAGE RADIO DIVISION. FROM "PM" ("UPTOWN EDITION OF THE DAILY WORKER") CAME OWI EXECUTIVES GEORGE LYON (\$8,000), ELMER ROESSNER (\$6500), S. DENLINGER (\$6500), KEN STEWART (\$5600), HENRY LIEBERMAN (\$5600) AND LEO HIRSHFIELD (\$4600). A COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CIO UNION HELD ORGANIZING MEETINGS IN OWI HEADQUARTERS. WHY? AND, WHY DID THE OWI PAY GEORGES PITOEFF, ANOTHER BOY REFUGEE, A \$3800 SALARY? AND, WHY DID OWI TOP HENRY WALLACE'S "QUART OF MILK A DAY" BY PROMISING THE ITALIAN PEOPLE "WINE" WHEN WE TAKE OVER? NO WONDER ALL OWI EMPLOYEES, EVEN WHEN SEPARATED FROM THE PAYROLL, ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN OATH OF SECRECY REGARDING WHAT GOES ON!

JOSEPH P. KAMP, VICE CHAIRMAN.

[ Write YOUR Congressman what YOU think about this situation. Write your local newspaper. Get this FACT-O-GRAM into the hands of your friends. Read it to your organization. Enclose copies with your letters. Get a supply TODAY. Five copies FREE — 1¢ each in quantities — \$4.00 for five hundred. ]

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To:

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TOM C. CLARK

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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REGISTRATION ACT

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ For your additional information, there is attached one copy of  
Mr. Glavin the report of Special Agent C. Richard Fulmer, dated October 21, 1943,  
Mr. Ladd at Buffalo, New York, in connection with the captioned case.

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ Also attached are photostatic copies of two releases of the  
Mr. Tracy Constitutional Educational League, one captioned "ONE Experts", the  
Mr. Carson other "Fact-o-gram" dated September 10, 1943.

Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

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REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10-21-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/2,3;10/2,4/43	REPORT MADE BY C. RICHARD FULMER
TITLE "CHANGED" CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; Joseph Peter Kamp; Chester A. Hanson; W. Byron Swartz; John E. Waters; Frank J. Murphy			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (G) REGISTRATION ACT

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Report prepared by Better Business Bureau, Buffalo, N.Y., on League, and reply by League to that report set forth. Investigation shows League to be anti-New Deal, anti-semitic and very active prior to elections. MURPHY'S reported income for 1942 \$6,160. Informant advises MURPHY currently very interested in food question in America.

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## REFERENCE:

Bureau file No. 61-10355.

Report of Special Agent C. RICHARD FULMER dated August 3, 1943 at Buffalo, New York.

## DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to reflect subject MURPHY'S middle initial, and his name is now being carried in the title as FRANK J. MURPHY.

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

W. DANIEL BELL, Manager of the Better Business Bureau, Inc., 516 Ellicott Square Building, Buffalo, furnished the reporting agent with a copy of a report prepared by the Better Business Bureau, Inc. on the League. This report was forwarded to individuals requesting informa-

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tion concerning the League in the Buffalo area. The report appears to have been prepared by the National Headquarters of the Better Business Bureau and contains no additional information to that already contained in the Bureau files.

There, however, might be some value in this report wherein the Better Business Bureau advises that since they have been receiving inquiries concerning the League, the Business Bureau had noted that:

1. Its publications have been primarily anti-Communistic.
2. Its publications have a definite anti-New Deal trend.
3. It has been more active during the weeks immediately preceding national elections, and there is no doubt that its publications have been used widely for political purposes.
4. It has been condemned publically by certain persons who are believed to have "Left Wing" sentiments and tendencies.
5. The organization has been a vigorous supporter of the Dies Committee.  
(A wire to Congressman Dies from the Buffalo Better Business Bureau asking his opinion of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. brought no reply.)
6. There is a tendency upon the part of certain persons in control of the organization to brand everyone who does not completely agree with everything they say as a "radical."
7. In some instances persons who made contributions to the organization have been embarrassed because their checks have been shown to other prospective contributors.

In connection with the seventh observation made by the Better Business Bureau BELL advised that the Rochester Better Business Bureau had received complaints concerning subject



whatever we do, had better be good, and then some. A miracle has just got to happen, and quick. Few people realize how close we are to the brink. My last few days in Washington told me plenty. The Red clique around Roosevelt are alarmed over mounting criticism in the press and on the radio. They see evidence of a rising public opinion against them and their policies -- with the result that they're trying to prevail upon "The Chief" to clamp a muzzle on everybody and really "take over," which will mean the end for us, and for our friends ... and for the Better Business Bureau, too!!

"Seriously, I'm convinced that if an air raid comes, or if there's any kind of an invasion, even in Alaska, it will be used as an excuse. Roosevelt will crack down, seize everything, and we'll all be through - with the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the "Four Freedoms" - all in the ash can.

"If Mr. Sowers doesn't trust my judgment, or if he really has some one on top who will put on the pressure, and he wants the MEMORANDUM rewritten, I suppose I'll do it, if there's still time.

"In the interval I'm praying and hard - "GOD SAVE AMERICA."

"Cordially,

(Signed) "Joe".

"March 30, 1942"

The following is a copy of the report apparently prepared by PETER KAMP in reply to the Better Business Bureau report on the League:

"MEMORANDUM

"In Re: "Confidential Report" of Better Business Bureau

"A casual reading of this report by any fair-minded person will reveal a very definite bias, which is to be expected from an organization whose business is predicated upon the exposure of cheats, frauds, gyps and rackets. Being naturally suspicious of

everything and everybody it is understandable that the Bureau should be slightly befuddled when a legitimate organization, with a ticklish job to do, exercises necessary caution in its own protection. BUT to the initiated the whole tenor of the report indicates Leftish leanings on the part of the writer, who, wittingly or unwittingly, follows the Communist 'party line' in the conviction that any anti-Communist individual or organization must necessarily be 'Fascist' -- and perhaps 'Nazi', too.

"Although the League may not have come to the Bureau's attention until 1936, as set forth in the first paragraph, it should be remembered that the League was functioning and did a bang-up job long before the Better Business Bureau was organized. The 'contact' mentioned, from whom the Bureau secured its original information was the New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

"Accordingly, the second, third and fourth quoted paragraphs are substantially correct except that it is not made clear that the report concerns the Connecticut organization which was part of a national movement organized in 1919 and headed at the time by Major William F. Deegan, former New York State Commander of the American Legion. It may also be noted, although it is not important, except for subsequent inferences, that no mention is made of the League's educational work along Constitutional lines and its efforts on behalf of the Citizens Military Training Camps.

"In regard to the report of the Hartford Better Business Bureau in which an effort is deliberately made to depreciate the importance of the League's work we submit that inasmuch as our endeavors do not come within the scope of the Bureau's understanding that it was therefore not competent to evaluate the importance, effectiveness or value of the League's activities.

"However, at the time, there were two individuals, in particular, in Hartford who were quite competent to express themselves: The head of the State Police and the Connecticut Commissioner of Labor.

'In the past, I have had occasion to observe the activities of the League, and its representatives, at first hand, and in every instance they have accomplished a splendid work in combatting the Communists. I am firmly convinced that the work being done by the League is extremely valuable to the state and to those citizens of the state who believe in the preservation of our form of

government. I consider that the League deserves any support that can be given.'

- - - 'A. Sunderland  
'Commissioner of State Police'

'There seems to be no question that the endeavors of your organization has, in successfully counteracting the agitational efforts of the radical organizers, resulted in preventing a serious situation.

'As Commissioner of Labor in Connecticut permit me to express my appreciation of your efforts throughout the State.'

- - - 'Harry E. Mackenzie  
'Commissioner of Labor'

"The four paragraphs following the Hartford reference are correct but then the report skillfully raises a question as to the propriety of our work by making a brief reference to our charges of being harrassed and 'persecuted' by the LaFollette Committee and leaving the matter up in the air.

"We are very proud of the fact that of all the outstanding individuals, commercial organizations and industrial concerns who were hauled before and thoroughly smeared by the LaFollette Committee and had their private papers and records violated and misrepresented, the League was the only organization which successfully put the Committee in its place. We denied them no information to which they were entitled. We merely demanded the right to make a statement for the record before delivering any papers or records and because the Committee discovered from press releases what was in that statement they dared not call us and subsequently cancelled the subpoena, despite our repeated demands to be heard. However, we did succeed in making our statement a matter of public record and our full indictment of the LaFollette Committee can be found on pages 5714 and 5715 of the Congressional Record.

"Among other thing we said:

'We charge and are prepared to prove that the Committee's activities are the culmination of a conspiracy entered into between John L. Lewis, representatives of Communist and other Red organizations, and the Chairman of the Committee, Senator LaFollette.'

"All of this information is in the possession of the Better Business Bureau for it is included as part of a letter to which the report subsequently refers. But instead of telling both sides of the story, the report says briefly later on, that Mr. Kamp ... made 'a few uncomplimentary remarks about the Committee.'

"Please take particular notice of the underscored words in the next sentence of the report which reads:

'At this point, we might mention parenthetically that such of the booklets distributed by the above subject as we have seen are devoted almost exclusively to an expose of alleged Communistic activities in the United States with practically no reference to Fifth Column activities of the Fascists or the Nazis!!

"A quick reader could not help but get the inference that we are concerned about a questionable or 'alleged' threat or problem and that we are deliberately ignoring the menace of and perhaps are even sympathetic to the Fascists and Nazis. Actually by a clever construction of words, the writer is very, very careful to leave himself an 'out'. It is not strange that he should, in so many words, admit that there are other booklets which he has not seen (although everything we ever published has been sent to the Better Business Bureau); that our literature is not exclusively devoted to an expose of Communist activities; and that there are references to Fifth Column activities of the Fascists and Nazis? (We cheerfully challenge anyone to produce a more effective picture of the fallacy of Fascism, Nazism and Communism than our leaflet 'BUTTER, SHOES, A RADIO AND A CAR', or a more devastating and more factual expose of the Fascist, Nazi and Communist Fifth Column than that contained in our FIFTH COLUMN Map and Directory).

"The report then presents a preposterous paradox. The Better Business Bureau, organized and maintained by capitalists and capitalist corporations holds up as an authority, and quotes, an anti-capitalist Red magazine to smear a defender of capitalism as developed under the American system of society and government.

"Since the Better Business Bureau had a complete answer to the News Republic article, it should in all fairness, either have conducted an investigation to ascertain which statements are true or it should have quoted the very definite answers to each charge instead of lightly brushing off the 'meat' of the reply with the bland statement: 'Mr. Kamp was written regarding the "New Republic" article (but not by the Better Business Bureau) and issued a general denial of its accuracy.

"The answer, not a general denial by specific denials of each and every item said in part:

"Without attempting to answer any of my accusations concerning Fifth Columnists on the government payroll, you simply make unfounded charges against me. You repeat the New Republic charge that I was the editor of the "pro-Fascist" magazine, "The Awakener" and that on my staff were "Fascist propagandist" Harold Lord Varney and Lawrence Dennis, author of "The Coming American Fascism."

"My publication happened to be a newspaper, not a magazine. And as for the charge of "pro-Fascist" let me point out that Harold Lord Varney, former information chief of the Federal Board of Vocational Education, and Lawrence Dennis, former member of the U.S. Diplomatic Corps and a well-known economist joined with me, as editors of "The Awakener" in publishing a demand on Congress, on March 1, 1935, asking for an investigation of Fascist movements and under this heading listed specifically:

- "A. Nazi movements inspired by or subsidized by the Hitler government of Germany ...
- "B. Fascist movements inspired by or subsidized by the Italian government ...
- "C. Also any native American Fascist movements which can be charged with designs to subvert our form of government by the use of unconstitutional methods."

"This demand for a congressional investigation of all Fascists together with Nazis and Communists resulted in the creation of the Dies Committee. The Awakener was a defender of Americanism in every true sense of the word. In accepting The New Republic's charge of "pro-Fascist" you overlooked the fact that according to the Communist Party Line

everything and everybody who ~~does~~ not agree with the Communists is labeled Fascist.

'Since I have never "sponsored" or "promoted" a meeting for anyone except Congressman Martin Dies, even the flimsy charges of "guilty by association" fall of their own weight. I condemn the Christian Front and the German-American Bund. I detest the methods of the Christian Mobilizers.

'As for my being "a close friend of Edward Lodge Curran" let me say that I met the Rev. Dr. Curran, just once and that was on the speaker's platform at a public rally staged by the United Veterans of Brooklyn for Congressman Dies, where both Dr. Curran and myself made a few remarks following the Congressman's address. I know of no reasons why I should not like to know Rev. Curran better.

'The Constitutional Educational League has not been endorsed by Dr. Patrick Scanlon or James True, and every other charge, inference, or innuendo, made by either you or the New Republic is a deliberate falsification of facts.

'So much for the New Republic smear!'

"The report then makes a major point of the fact that we have not made available to the bureau minute details regarding our activities. Our reluctance, in this connection, was explained to the Bureau and should be understandable to anyone sincerely in sympathy with our work. The Bureau's reports are available to the public and therefore to our enemies in Red circles who could very easily use certain information to our distinct disadvantage.

"We have given the bureau all the pertinent information that would ordinarily be necessary to enable it to secure a fair and honest picture of the League's activities, its integrity, and responsibility and the effectiveness of its work. We have submitted letters of endorsement and commendation from the most reliable sources.

"We have even submitted a financial report, explaining that it did not show major printings and mailings paid for by interested parties and did not include the maintenance of either the western or southern offices and other activities"

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were finance directly. This was done on the theory that the Bureau was honestly interested in ascertaining whether or not the overhead was reasonable. The figures speak for themselves, but it should be remembered that 1939 was a 'recession year, income was down, and activities had been curtailed.

"Although it was understood that the financial statement was submitted in confidence and would not be made public it was immediately added to the Bureau's report -- and without any explanation as made above which is perhaps just as well because to go into detail would publicize 'trade secrets' which our Red 'friends' would give their right arms to know about.

"On the last page of the report, the Bureau attempts to deliver three body blows -- below the belt.

"The Rochester Bureau reports 'that the activities of one Frank Murphy, a representative of the subject had occasioned considerable criticism in Rochester.' He must have done something terrible! Just what did Mr. Murphy do? Why didn't the Better Business Bureau explain? We'll tell you. Mr. Murphy 'occasioned considerable criticism in Rochester' against the local Better Business Bureau because he complained to some leading citizens that the local manager of the Bureau had, in violation of a confidence, circulated mimeographed copies of the League's financial report in an unsuccessful attempt to have certain responsible people withdraw their support.

"Next the Bureau sets forth the fact that quite recently we did not respond to their request for 'pertinent information' regarding salaries, financial condition, etc. 'The organization did not supply answers to our questions,' they report - a sly inference that we've got something to hide.

"We have nothing to hide from our friends and supporters, but our books will not be opened again to the Better Business Bureau. As to salaries, we have no hesitancy in disclosing the fact that both the full-time Secretary and the full-time Executive Vice Chairmen, who receive the highest salaries, are supposed to get \$100 a week, and that neither of them have received full salary in any year since these salaries were voted in early 1937. Last year the highest sum paid to any individual was \$6,435.00, which included year-round traveling expenses and covered a trip to the coast and back. Our books are open at all times for the inspection of our friends, and we mean FRIENDS.

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"The Boston Better Business Bureau supplies the final item. It is intentionally presented in such a way as to leave the impression that the League 'prepared' literature for the 'Christian Front' which has been getting so much bad publicity these past several months.

"The League has never prepared literature for any other organization or group. Everything is published under its own name. We cannot prevent anyone from distributing it, but we have never given or sold any literature to the Christian Front.

"Our booklets, pamphlets and maps have been distributed and used by members of Congress, Military Intelligence and Naval Intelligence, investigators for the United States Civil Service Commission, members of the F.B.I., Chambers of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers, Labor Unions (AFL and Independent), patriotic, fraternal and civic organizations, churches and clerical groups, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and by men and women of every race, color and creed, in every walk of life, all good Americans - including thousands of people who are subscribers to the Better Business Bureau, but who know which side of the fence they're on and have intelligence enough to think and act for themselves."

GORDON M. SMITH, former manager of the Buffalo Better Business Bureau, advised that MURPHY came to Buffalo approximately four or five years ago. SMITH stated that he had talked with MURPHY on several occasions and that at no time had he ever discussed political philosophies with him. He advised that MURPHY'S only objective appeared to be to collect money for the League. He advised that DAVID W. SOWERS was MURPHY'S greatest supporter. SMITH advised that in his opinion MURPHY had collected approximately \$100,000 in the Buffalo-Rochester area.



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SMITH was advised that there appeared in his notes in the Better Business Bureau office the statement that MURPHY had said he had to do much investigation by undercover methods because the Department of Justice was full of Communism. SMITH advised that he did not recall MURPHY making this statement, but as they were not his notes, he apparently had said it, and if he had said it MURPHY had probably replied to SMITH'S question that the investigation being made by the League should be left to the Department of Justice.

SCOTT OSGOOD, 184 Jewett Parkway, upon interview advised that MURPHY had contacted him approximately three of four times for the purpose of obtaining donations to the League. He advised that MURPHY had informed him that the League was interested in weeding Communists out of the Government and out of the country's industrial plants. He further stated that MURPHY was especially anti-New Deal and anti-semitic. He stated that he had received literature from the League and had noticed that the League was very active prior to national political elections and that in his opinion they had attempted to influence registration through the use of their publications. He further advised that subject MURPHY at no time had made statements indicating that he was against the United States.

OSGOOD furnished the writer with a copy of a letter which he had received from subject MURPHY, written June 15, 1943 at Madison, Wisconsin. This letter is as follows:

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"Madison, Wisconsin  
June 15, 1943

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"Mr. Scott Osgood  
Curtis Screw Company  
Buffalo, New York

"Dear Mr. Osgood:

"I have been in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin for the past two months mobilizing the farmers against the coming threat to our entire economy.

"I hope I may have the pleasure in the near future of talking with you in person and giving you a more detailed report on the trend permeitated toward a famine in America, give you at this time a few of the high spots showing the trend.

"Through the kind offices of Mr. John Brandt, President of the Land O'Lakes Creamery and his associates in the Farmers Cooperatives I was in a position to talk to hundreds of farmers, Mr. Brandt informed me that on the roll back on the price of butter, the farmers in Minneapolis alone will loose \$300,000, with no sur-ety that any subsidy will be paid them, the government purchases in the past have been on a basis of 50% of the output of butter but in the past three weeks they have gone far beyond this amount and as Mr. Brandt said the supply of butter for civilians after July 1st, will be in a famine state.

"You no doubt have been reading news items about the administration allotting more farm machinery to be manufactured, but this is another meaningless allotment, here are the facts. W. C. MacFarlane, President of the Minneapolis-Moline Implement Company told me that on last Thursday that three offices of the W.P.B. visited his office on allotting material for new equipment and their conversation was not in how much material to be allotted, but to argue on the point of no material and as a result no material was allotted to the above company, I asked Mr. MacFarlane if he thought that our new booklet "Famine in America" were factual, he said "I'll bet my shirt on its prediction unless an aroused public steps in."

"Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future, I beg to remain,

"Sincerely yours,

"Constitutional Educational League"

/s/ Frank Murphy

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that [redacted]  
subject FRANK MURPHY [redacted]  
[redacted]

converse with him concerning the League. He advised that subject MURPHY was presently very interested in the food shortage in America. It is to be noted that in the foregoing letter written by MURPHY to OSGOOD he expresses a similar concern over the food question. T-1 further advised that MURPHY informed him that he had been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Muskego, Wisconsin, but did not mention the names of the individuals who had informed him of this fact. T-1 stated that MURPHY did not appear concerned about this fact.

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Confidential Informant T-1 [redacted]  
MURPHY [redacted] and subject MURPHY  
[redacted] Through a highly  
confidential source [redacted] MURPHY [redacted]  
[redacted] Division of Internal Revenue, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] T-1 advised that in his opinion  
MURPHY [redacted]

During the conversation T-1 stated that MURPHY had informed him [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] Informant stated that MURPHY did not elaborate on the question.

EARL CHAMBERLAIN, Manager of the Stetson Shoe Store in the Statler Hotel, Buffalo, upon interview advised that subject FRANK MURPHY and his wife formerly entered his shoe store and purchased shoes from him. He stated that subject MURPHY made it a practice while hanging about in the store to converse with CHAMBERLAIN'S customers. CHAMBERLAIN stated that MURPHY advised him that he was a lecturer, but that he was never able to obtain more definite information concerning MURPHY. CHAMBERLAIN stated that he was of the opinion that most of his customers in the store resented MURPHY'S talking to him and had asked MURPHY to discontinue this practice of "rebel rousing" while he was in his store.

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ENCLOSURE - to Bureau

1 copy of Fact-O-Gram, File No. 12, dated September 10, 1943.

1 copy of handbill printed on the letterhead of CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION LEAGUE, entitled "OWI 'EXPERTS'".

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BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Will recontact Confidential Informant T-1 and ascertain-

[REDACTED]

Will contact JOHN W. GARVER, Vice President of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, concerning his contacts with FRANK MURPHY regarding the League.

Will contact H. C. BROWN, 2016 Liberty Bank Building, concerning his contacts with FRANK MURPHY regarding the League.

\*AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

- \* Will contact [REDACTED] who is believed to have information concerning MURPHY'S activities in Rochester, New York.
- \* Will also contact Rochester Better Business Bureau, which is known to have had dealings with subject FRANK MURPHY regarding the activities of the Constitutional Educational League.

Copies of this report are being furnished the Detroit, Grand Rapids, Milwaukee and St. Paul Field Divisions, because the district which subject FRANK MURPHY covers apparently includes those cities.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informant T-1 is



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(The identity of this informant is being  
kept confidential at his request.)

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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Director, FBI

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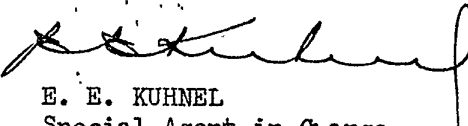
Re: <sup>①</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL  
LEAGUE, INC.  
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Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a pamphlet headed  
"Department of Justice Memo" below which appears the writing  
"From the secret files of the FBI." This pamphlet was  
turned in to this office by a bus driver who claimed he  
found it on a bus in Bluefield, West Virginia.

It is being forwarded for the Bureau's information,  
and no investigation is being conducted by the Huntington  
Office.

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. KUHNEL  
Special Agent in Charge

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of years past the N. C. D. P. P. or N. C. P. R. has been infiltrated and controlled by the Communist Party. In one instance an informant reported that it received financial support from Amtorg Trading Co., the principal Soviet commercial agency in the United States, while another informant stated that funds of the N. C. D. P. P. had been diverted to Communist Party uses. These allegations are supported by substantial evidence.

For years persons prominently identified with communism in this country have been associated with it, including members of the national committee of the Communist Party, Communist State officers, a present coowner of the Daily Worker, and numerous fellow travelers who were also closely associated with various Communist-front organizations, contributors to Communist publications, and otherwise outstanding in Communist activities. A former national chairman of the N. C. D. P. P., a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, is confidentially reported to have toured the country with a German "political prisoner," lecturing on conditions in Germany and raising considerable funds, a portion of which were diverted to Communist Party uses. The organization has also collaborated with many other known Communist-front groups in their activities. According to another confidential source, plans for agitation and organization of the unemployed in the State of New York, leading eventually to the national hunger march of 1931, were partially formulated at its national office. It is significant that the cases selected for defense, so far as known, have, without exception, been those of Communists or cases publicized by the Communist Party.

International Workers of the World and the People's Council, a radical organization, joined the Communist Party. She is presently a member of the party's national committee and one of its outstanding leaders.

Information secured from confidential informants, in a position to speak reliably, indicates that the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners is substantially equivalent to International Labor Defense, legal arm of the Communist Party. Unlike International Labor Defense, however, which operates principally among the middle and lower classes, the subject organization caters to financially and socially prominent liberals to attract the influence of their patronage and their contributions in support of civil liberties cases selected for defense. Its membership, which in 1937 was stated under oath by a southern official to number approximately 150 persons, has never been sought to be increased substantially. It maintains a national office in New York City and from time to time has had branch offices at Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and in northern and southern California. The organization works through local branch offices opened in the locality of an alleged "political persecution" selected for representation. Such local offices conduct publicity campaign through press releases and solicit funds to defray the cost of defending the alleged victims and of supporting their dependents during and after trial.

Information of the confidential character referred to above is to the effect that for a number

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF POLITICAL  
PRISONERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE'S  
RIGHTS.

The National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners is an organization created ostensibly to support and defend civil liberties. In January 1938 its name was changed to the National Committee for People's Rights although so far as known, no substantial change was made in its set-up or functions. At the present time it is referred to interchangeably under both names.

Information regarding this organization is limited. It is not known when the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners was formed but there is a record of its meeting as early as July 1921. At that time it appeared to follow an anarchistic trend and not to be connected with the Communist Party. In fact, a meeting held at New Orleans in 1925 was reported to have been broken up by Communists when a speaker attempted to address it regarding "Political Prisoners of Russia." Communist penetration appears to have begun about 1926 when Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, its then secretary, who was active in the

The N. C. D. P. P. figured prominently in demonstrations on behalf of the Scottsboro boys; vigorously protested the prosecution of Angelo Herndon, presently a high Communist official; condemned the "persecution" of William Schneiderman, California State secretary of the Communist Party, and Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, United States of America; came to the fore in defense of individuals prosecuted for soliciting recruits for armies of Loyalist Spain; defended those prosecuted for procuring forged signatures to a Communist election petition in Pennsylvania; organized the Oklahoma Committee to Defend Political Prisoners; and solicited funds and sought to obtain as much Nationwide publicity as possible on behalf of Robert Wood, Oklahoma State secretary of the Communist Party, and his Communist codefendants in the recent syndicalism trials in that State.

It also has followed the Communist Party line in numerous instances, condemning the Dies committee and the methods of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the use of troops in connection with the North American Aviation Co. strike in California in June 1941, and protesting the administration's foreign policy prior to the Nazi attack on Russia. Subsequent to the invasion it sponsored a people's meeting.

The organization has also engaged in activities which are not strictly civil liberties in character. In April 1938, for example, it cooperated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the American Civil Liberties Union, In-

ternational Labor Defense, American League for Peace and Democracy, and Workers Defense League in staging a New Jersey Congress of Industrial Organizations organizing rally. In addition, it conducted an investigation of mining conditions in the States of Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma with particular regard to the development of silicotic and tubercular conditions. In connection with this project a former Kansas Communist State official testified before the Dies committee that the extensive correspondence between himself and various governmental agencies on silicosis in those States, introduced into evidence, had been prepared by the Communist Party headquarters in New York City and dispatched by him on behalf of the N. C. P. R. Testimony before the Dies committee has characterized the N. C. D. P. P. or N. C. P. R. as a "transmission belt" or front for the Communist Party.

[Strictly confidential]

(Note.-The following statement does not purport to be a complete report on the organization named. It is intended only to acquaint you, without undue burden of detail, with the nature of the evidence which has appeared to warrant an investigation of charges of participation.

It is assumed that each employee's case will be decided on all the facts presented in the report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and elicited, where a hearing is ordered, by the board or committee before which the employee is given an opportunity to appear.

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NY FILE NO. **65-7018**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, N.Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/11/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/7;11/8,9/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. PAUL McWHORTER</b>
TITLE <b>CHANGED: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH PETER KAMP alias Joseph William Kamp; CHESTER A. HANSON; W. BYRON SWARTZ; JOHN E. WATERS; FRANK MURPHY; JOHN BROSS LLOYD.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C REGISTRATION ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject JOSEPH PETER KAMP is delinquent with Selective Service Local Board 20, NYC, for failure to return questionnaire. KAMP was born at Yonkers, NY, 5/3/00 as JOSEPH WILLIAM KAMP. Literature of CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE is recommended reading by GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, Washington, D.C. KAMP is reported to be writing a book to refute statements in "Under Cover". Book is reportedly being printed by VAN DYCK PRINTING COMPANY, New Haven. Results of mail cover set out.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 61-10355.  
Report of Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter dated August 24, 1943 at New York, N.Y.

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**DETAILS:** The title of this case is being changed in order to include the alias JOSEPH WILLIAM KAMP for subject JOSEPH PETER KAMP, inasmuch as this alias appears on his birth certificate.

At Yonkers, New York:

Special Agent Erling R. Landsnaes examined the records of the Registrar of Vital Statistics at the Department of Health, which records disclosed that subject JOSEPH PETER KAMP was born at Yonkers, New York on Saw Mill River Road, May 3, 1900 (Birth Certificate No. 18216) and was registered under the name JOSEPH WILLIAM KAMP. His father,

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JOSEPH KAMP, was born in Germany, his occupation was that of a tailor, and he was 35 years of age at the time subject was born. Subject's mother, MARGARET KAMP, nee FRANZ, was born at Yonkers, New York. Dr. VALENTINE BROWNE of Yonkers, New York, was the attending doctor. Subject KAMP was the first son of that marriage.

At New York, N.Y.:

Mrs. GRACE A. BANGS of the "New York Herald Tribune" telephonically advised Special Agent JAMES G. HOWELL of this office that she had recently received a pamphlet mailed out by the GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, 1734 North Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., which suggests recommended reading material including KAMP's "Fifth Column in the South", "Fifth Column in Washington", and "Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee."

It was Mrs. BANGS' belief that these pamphlets are being circulated by the GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS under the direction of Mrs. GUSTAV KETTERER, 458 West Brighthurst Street, Germantown, Pennsylvania, who is the Federation's National Defense Chairman in its War Service Department. The President of the Federation is Mrs. JOHN WHITEHURST who, Mrs. BANGS believes, must have approved the distribution of the pamphlets. She also believes that the activities of the organization with respect to the distribution of the pamphlets are being carried on perhaps without the realization of "what KAMP really is or what he stands for."

It was determined that KAMP resides at 3 East 54th Street, New York City, was registered with Selective Service Local Board No.20 at 331 Madison Avenue, and that the records of said board revealed that KAMP's Order Number is 13999, Serial No.1686, and his birth date is May 3, 1900 at Yonkers, New York. He registered for Selective Service February 15, 1942 and his description as appearing in the Selective Service file is set out as follows:

Height	5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	165 lbs.
Race	White
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light

Assistant Clerk HENRY COHEN at said board advised that a questionnaire had been mailed to JOSEPH PETER KAMP at his last known address on August 15, 1942; that KAMP had never returned the questionnaire and is delinquent with that local board.

Confidential Informant A, whose identity is known to the Bureau,

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furnished the following information:

Mrs. A. CRESSY MORRISON, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City, who is connected with the AMERICAN WOMEN AGAINST COMMUNISM, was, on June 14, 1943, together with her committee workers, busy mailing out literature of "JOE KAMP" called "Famine in America". [redacted] JOSEPH PETER KAMP at the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE [redacted]

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[redacted] Informant further advised that [redacted] KAMP's latest book which will soon go to press and which is a denial of all PAGNANELLI said in his book "Under Cover."

Confidential Informant A's informant, whose identity is unknown to this office, stated:

"KAMP even goes so far as to refute the interview PAGNANELLI claims to have had with KAMP and KAMP further tells where he happened to be on that particular day. Another chapter of this book will deal with WINCHELL and still another tells all on the DUTTON subject, in fact KAMP shows how two years ago this publishing firm was practically on the financial rocks, yet now they can back law suits up to a million dollars."

With respect to the source of money for this book, [redacted] is reported to have stated that the book was not financed by the Government but that the money had come from the "chosen few" and she intimated that KAMP was "naming them."

According to Confidential Informant A, KAMP's literary offering will be about twice the thickness of his pamphlet "Famine in America" and "Native Nazi" and will probably sell for fifty cents per copy and possibly thirty-five cents but he anticipates great returns on this since he believes that practically the entire country awaits his reply to "the country's number one snooper."

It has also been reported to this office that KAMP's new book to refute the allegations contained in "Under Cover" is being printed by the VAN DYCK PRINTING COMPANY, 945 Grand Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut (telephone number 6-3467) and that said printing company work on this book only in the evenings after 6 p.m.

Confidential Informant A also reported that [redacted] CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE [redacted]

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and writing game. In another report from Confidential Informant A dated October 27, 1943 it was revealed that [redacted] is reported to have stated that KAMP's book "which will put DUTTON & COMPANY and JOHN ROY CARLSON where they belong" is the most fascinating thing which she has ever read, and that while KAMP started out to make this pamphlet slightly thicker than his "Native Nazi" and "Famine in America", he "just couldn't stop writing and has taken the book 'Under Cover' page by page and literally torn it to hell. (Not 'literally' speaking but 'literarily' speaking)"

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It was also reported that the book would not be ready for the printer for at least ten days after October 27th and that KAMP hoped to have it before his public by the middle of November. In the report from Confidential Informant A dated October 27, 1943, it was stated that KAMP's book will probably sell for \$2.50.

Mr. CHARLES A. MEZGER, JR., of the Credit Department of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, advised Special Agent LESLIE B. CLARK that the bank had received a pamphlet from Mr. F. M. FARRIS, President of the Third National Bank of Nashville, Tennessee, and that a letter received from Mr. FARRIS requested information on the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE as they had solicited contributions from him.

Mr. MEZGER stated that he believed the pamphlet had been sent through the mail to Mr. FARRIS. The pamphlet enclosed was entitled, "Department of Justice Memo; Re: National Negro Congress" and is being maintained in the files of this office in view of the fact that the Bureau has already been furnished with a copy thereof.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished Special Agent JOHNSTON L. PEARCY of this office with two copies of a handbill published by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., which are captioned "OWI 'EXPERTS' ", and deal with JAN WERICH and GEORGE VOSKEVIC, both of whom were employees of the OWI. The handbill refers to how the Communist newspaper "Daily Worker" on October 31, 1938 boasted how these two men were brought to the United States through a subterfuge and of their narrow escape as political refugees. The handbill goes on to say "They were praised as actors, 'comedians', and 'talkative clowns.' Now they are OWI 'experts.'"

Informant [redacted] also furnished Agent PEARCY with two copies of a "FACT-C-GRAM" dated September 10, 1943 and published by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., which is addressed to "All United States Senators and Representatives" and deals mainly with criticisms of the OWI and its employees, LEOPOLD WEINER, JAN WERICH and GEORGE VOSKOVEC and refers

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to the latter two as "Communist Propagandists of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF REVOLUTIONARY THEATRES with Headquarters in Moscow..."

This "FACT-O-GRAM" also contains the following paragraph:

"Another private agency--really a racket--which claims semi-official standing as an 'investigator' for Government agencies, including OWI and FCC, is the mis-called 'Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc.' Headed by an early leader of the notorious Communist American League Against War and Fascism, it is a vicious private Gestapo, maintained in violation of the law, and it persecutes, smears and boycotts loyal Americans. Before the war this self-styled, semi-official arm of the Government was financed in part with Nazi funds."

Another "FACT-O-GRAM" published by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., dated July 2, 1943 and addressed to "All United States Senators and Representatives", is set out in its entirety as follows:

"Your mail doubtless shows that many Americans are concerned about Governmental activities limiting freedom and opportunity. Nevertheless recent appointments in the foreign branch of the Office of War Information indicate that Communists and refugees from Europe still find this country a land of opportunity for them.

"It may seem intolerant to ask 'Is America a land of freedom and opportunity only for Communists and refugees?' and, yet, considering these appointments it is high time to become intolerant of the abuse of power exercised on behalf of Communists and refugees by left-leaning bureaucrats.

"For example, Francis Leopold Wiener came to the United States on October 27, 1941 and he already has a job with the OWI at \$3800 a year. If Wiener had experience and exceptional knowledge and understanding his appointment might be justified, since the OWI is obviously in need of people of broad experience and knowledge of European affairs. But this Wiener is all of fifteen years old and is still attending high school!

"Can any member of the House or Senate explain what a fifteen-year-old refugee with an incomplete high school education can do for the OWI that would entitle him to \$3800 a year?

"Or consider the case of David Karr, Assistant Chief of the Foreign Language Division of OWI, whose real name is David Katz. Undoubtedly the OWI needs a good linguist with expert training in the field of foreign relations. But, Mr. Karr, or Katz, was trained as a shipping clerk and a brush peddler and admitted that he is unable either to read or translate any foreign language. True, he had a little experience as a propagandist--a Communist propagandist. For two years he was a part time worker on the staff of the Communist organ, the DAILY WORKER. Does any member of Congress think this Communist Katz is entitled to a \$4600 job on the taxpayers' payroll?

"The Chief of the Foreign Section of the OWI is 28-year-old Matt Gordon, who spent his entire life on the lower East Side of New York, speaks no foreign language, and is so pro-Soviet that he classifies everybody who disagrees with his 'Party-line' as a 'Fascist.' Yet he has the final say-so on releasing or suppressing all foreign news. Can the OWI find no real foreign-speaking experts whose sympathies are strictly American?

"And does OWI find it necessary to hire as their Polish expert a Communist who lost his Polish citizenship and who has not been in Poland for the past 18 years? He lived in Paris, where he associated with the leading French Communists. Even after the collapse of France, he stayed on and collaborated with leading Vichyites. When the Stalin-Hitler honeymoon was over, he came to America and was hired by the OWI to tell the Polish people the meaning of American democracy. How can this Communist, Tadensz Hudes, explain to a people who despise Communists the meaning of Americanism, of which he can know nothing?

"Is it any wonder that no one, not even members of Congress, is permitted to know what the Foreign Section of OWI broadcasts to the peoples of Europe in the name of the United States? The House of Representatives recently denied the OWI funds to continue its domestic section, no doubt because of its obnoxious propaganda. The chances are that the propaganda being disseminated abroad is even more putrid and asinine. Isn't it time Congress investigated and found out just what is being said and what is being promised--what commitments are being made in the name of the American people?

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"A week ago, an American friend in close contact with British Empire affairs observed that 'a lot of the boys won't be coming back.' We agreed, remarking sadly that it was a shame that American boys should have to give their lives to defend our country from a foreign foe, while left wing schemers at home were doing their best to undermine and destroy it from within.

" 'No', said our friend, 'I didn't mean the boys who will be killed. I am talking about our fighting men now in Australia, some of them are talking about staying and settling down there, because they have found Australia a country with real freedom and opportunity.'

"What a sad commentary--that American heroes should have to seek elsewhere for freedom and opportunity--the incentives which brought their forefathers to America.

"Joseph P. Kamp, Vice Chairman."

This "FACT-O-GRAM" is being retained in the files of the New York Office.

In an article written by LEO J. MARGOLIN, which appeared in the "PM" newspaper, reference was made to the pamphlets published by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE emblazoned with the "unauthorized statement: 'FROM THE SECRET FILES OF THE FBI'." It is stated that on August 20th, Attorney General BIDDLE announced that the FBI had spent \$100,000 to find that only two of the 1121 persons named as Communists by KAMP were actually Communists. The article continued by stating that KAMP told "PM" that this report was "a despicable fraud and an insult to every member of Congress."

"PM" described KAMP as having a long record of association with "native nightshirts like Lizzie Dilling...." and quoted KAMP as saying "that Biddle 'deliberately' issued a confusing statement to embarrass Dies.

"In 1938, Kamp was listed as a member of the Committee of Honor at a testimonial rally for Gen. George Van Horn Mosely, then touted by native Fascists as the American Fuehrer."

With respect to the book "Under Cover", Mr. RUPERT WARREN of ROTH, CLARK, BUCKNER & VALENTINE, 39 Nassau Street, attorneys for E. P. DUTTON & COMPANY, advised Special Agent H. Harold Calkins of this office that he did not expect that legal action would be brought against the E. P. DUTTON firm



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for the publication of the book "Under Cover." He furnished Special Agent Calkins with photostatic copies of two letters dated July 23rd and July 26, 1943 respectively, written on the letterhead of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., signed by JOSEPH P. KAMP, Acting Chairman. The letter dated July 23rd states that the book "Under Cover" published by E. P. DUTTON & COMPANY contains grossly libelous and damaging statements concerning the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., and those associated with it. The balance of this letter reads as follows:

"The League has been doing a commendable patriotic work since 1919, in which such men as President William Howard Taft, General Leonard Wood, Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt and other national figures have participated. During the period supposedly covered in 'Under Cover', the League was under the chairmanship of Brigadier General Luke H. Callan, one of General Pershing's heroes, who died a few months ago.

"Why a reputable publishing house should make itself responsible for 'smearings' picked from organs of subversive un-American groups and from other unreliable sources, without even attempting to verify their truth or falsity, is for us a matter of regret as well as of astonishment.

"E. P. Dutton & Company's liability cannot be estimated until the circulation of the book and the extent of its public acceptance become evident. Much of the damage has been done already, and, so far as I and my associates are concerned, the damage cannot be undone. It can, of course, be lessened to some extent by your immediate withdrawal of the book from circulation and by your advertising its withdrawal and your apology to the persons libeled therein, in the same space you used to advertise and promote distribution of the book. Such withdrawal and public apology I hereby demand, reserving my individual rights and those of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., for further appropriate action."

The letter dated July 26, 1943 was addressed to BRENTANO'S BOOKSTORES, INC., 586 Fifth Avenue, and simply advised that said book contains grossly libelous and damaging statements concerning the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., and "myself, and that you will be held legally responsible for your part in giving it circulation."

An individual from the ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE of New York City advised Special Agent H. HAROLD CALKINS of this office that he had been ad-

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vised by FRANK W. KRAMER, Acting Collector of Internal Revenue at Hartford, Connecticut, that the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., was tax exempt. It was also stated that in order to be tax exempt a corporation would have had to file a petition with the Department of Internal Revenue. The petition probably would alleged that it was engaged in educational activities and was not an organization for profit.

It was also suggested to Agent CALKINS that name of the organization "CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC." does not signify the true purpose of the corporation in that it was not entirely engaged in educational activities but had encroached upon the field of politics in which case it might be liable for the payment of income taxes.

Among the publications issued by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., which might be considered political in nature was a handbill or "bulletin" entitled:

"Ah! An enemy agent... You're a friend of Hitler's  
You just want to win the war... YOU TRAITOR, YOU!"

This publication purports to reprint an article which appeared in the New York "Daily News" dated Thursday, December 3, 1942, which article contains, among other things, the following:

"Very smartly the Office of War Information side-stepped the red hot political chore of spreading the New Deal gospel to the voters during the coming Presidential campaign. OWI agreed to supply the campaign material, write the speeches and tell the 25,000 victor yorators what to say to denounce attacks against the Roosevelt Administration's conduct of war.

"But all responsibility is placed on the Office of Civilian Defense if and when there is a comeback."

Another publication of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., which might be considered political in nature is a handbill entitled on one side, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Bayonets" and on the reverse side appears a typewritten letter dated November 23, 1942 addressed to "Dear Senator" and signed "JOSEPH P. KAMP." This letter appears on the letterhead of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE. The first paragraph reads as follows:

"Please don't vote for a second Civil War! Once before the issue of states' rights brought about bitter internal

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"conflict. It must not happen again. A vote for the anti-poll tax bill would be a vote for revolution\* bloody revolution, envisioned and hoped for by many of the noisiest proponents of the measure."

The third paragraph of this letter reads:

"Diabolical enemies of constitutional government are using the poll tax issue as a subterfuge to tear down our American system and foist on us an order of society that is alien to every ideal and tradition for which Americans have fought and died. Worse, they are being assisted by many big-hearted, sincere, unthinking citizens who ought to know better."

A mail cover was placed against the mail addressed to the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., or JOSEPH P. KAMP at 342 Madison Avenue, the results of which are set out as follows:

To	From	Postmarked
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. 342 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y.	WILLIAM B. TRUITT & SON Lock Box 87 Bridgeville, Del.	Phila & Norfolk P.P.O. Tr 450 Aug 18, 1943
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York	ISOLDE KINGSLEY 608 Padilla Street San Gabriel, California	San Gabriel, Calif. Aug 19 - 6 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York	Mrs. KENNETH C. CRAIN 331 East 37th Street New York City	New York, NY Church Street Annex Aug 20 - 5 pm.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York	J. N. WELCH P. O. Box 331 Brookhaven, Ga.	Brookhaven, Ga. Aug 21, 6 p.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York	PUBLIC LIBRARY South Main Street at Wayne South Bend, Ind.	South Bend, Ind. Aug 20, 7:30 pm.

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York	REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE Cecotori Obmulgee	Omulgee Okla Aug 20 8:30 a.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York	PROGRAM MAGAZINE 2 West 45th New York City	NY, NY Aug 21 9 p.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York	THE AMERICAN LEGION National Headquarters Ind, Ind.	Ind, Ind. Aug 19 Meter
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Ave. New York, NY	RAY DRUMNEY Gen. Del. Niles, Michigan	South Bend, Inc. Aug. 24-10:30 a.m.
JOSEPH P. KAMP Esq. 342 Madison Avenue New York, NY	NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. 350 Fifth Avenue New York, NY	New York, NY Aug 25-6 p.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. 342 Madison Ave New York, New York	THOMAS W. HANNA Gen'l Merchandise & Real Estate No 800 West Marquette Ave Albuquerque, New Mex.	Albuquerque, N.Mex. Aug 24 (Illegible) (Air Mail)
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Ave New York, N.Y.	JOS. MOSER 3256 N. Marshall St Phila 40, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa. Aug 25-11:30 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP 342 Madison Avenue New York City, New York	ETHEL MAY PIERCE 1138 Home Street Oak Park, Illinois	(Aug 25/43) Oak Park, Ill. Aug 23/7 p.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. 342 Madison Ave., New York City	L. C. GREENWOOD 35 Ellevorth St. Portland, Maine	Portland, Maine Aug 24-3:30 p.m.

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. New York Headquarters 342 Madison Ave. New York, N.Y.	27 Buena Place Red Bank N.J.	No postmark Rec'd Aug 26/43
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Ave. New York City	L.A. CHAMFON 303 West 42nd Street New York, NY	New York, NY Aug 26/8:30
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP 342 Madison Avenue New York, NY (CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE)	THOMAS CEREIGH Attorney at Law 1559 Continental Illinois Bank Building Chicago, Illinois	Chicago, Ill. Aug 25-6 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP 342 Madison Avenue New York City	SAMUEL SHAPIRO 233 Broadway New York	New York, NY Aug 26/7 p.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE INC. 342 Madison Ave. New York, N.Y.	CLAIRS BEAUTY SHOP 100 State St. Albany N.Y.	Albany, NY Aug 26-5p.m.
JOSEPH P. KAMP, Esq. 342 Madison Avenue New York, NY	NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL INC. 350 Fifth Avenue New York, NY	New York, NY Aug 27-7:30 p.m. Meter
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. 342 Madison Ave, New York City, N.Y.	S.E. WISE, M.D. 2939 Budlong Ave. Los Angeles 7, Calif.	Los Angeles, Cal. Terminal Annex Aug 25-3:30 p.m. (Air Mail)
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP 342 Madison Avenue CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE New York, N.Y.	Suite 532 53 West Jackson Blvd. Chi, Ill.	Chicago, Ill. 7/28 1 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP 342 Madison Avenue CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE New York, N.Y.	ETHEL MAY PIERCE 317 S. Oak Park Ave. Oak Park, Ill.	Oak Park, Ill. 7/27-9p.m.

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Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP 342 Madison Avenue CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE New York, N.Y.	CLARE E. HOFFMAN, M.C. Official Letter Congress of the U.S.	Allegan Mich. 7/27 5 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP 342 Madison Avenue CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE New York, N.Y.	CONKLIN & BENTLEY 20 Exchange Pl.	NY, NY 7/28-3 p.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.	GRAY 216 East 45th Street New York, N.Y.	New York, N.Y. Grand Central Annex Aug 30-11:30 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.	ETHEL MAY PIERCE 317 South Oak Park Avenue Oak Park, Illinois	Chicago, Ill. Aug 29 - 11 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH KAMP c/o CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Ave New York City	CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES House of Representatives Official Business - Free	CLARE E. HOFFMAN, M.C. Allegan, Mich. Aug 31-1 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH KAMP c/o CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Ave New York City	Mr. KENNETH C. GRAIN 331 East 37th Street New York City, 16	New York, NY Church Street Annex Sep 1-7 p.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Ave New York, NY	THE BANK OF MANSFIELD Mansfield, Mo.	Mansfield, Mo. Aug 30-6 p.m.
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. 342 Madison Avenue New York City, N.Y.	FEDERAL ADJUSTORS DISTRICT OFFICE American Adjustment Company Roanoke, Virginia	Roanoke, Va. Aug 30-10:30 p.m.

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.	FRED G. MOSER Philtower Building Tulsa, Oklahoma	Tulsa, Okla. Sep 1-4 p.m.
JOSEPH KAMP 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.	DRAWER 8 Atascadero, California	Atascadero, Calif. Aug 30 - 8 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.	CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 831 Chapel Street New Haven, Connecticut	New Haven Sep 2-12:30 p.m.
Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.	JOHN R. KING COMPANY Box 747 Mobile, Ala.	Mobile, Ala. Sep 1-6:30 p.m. (Air Mail)
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Ave., New York City, New York	WESTERN VOICE From Out of the Rockies P. O. Box 90 Englewood, Colorado	Englewood, Sep 4-6 p.m.
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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE 342 Madison Avenue New York City Attention: Mr. Frank Murphy.	THOMPSON PRODUCTS, INC. 2196 Clarkwood Road Cleveland	Cleveland, Ohio Sep 10 - 43 Meter

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ENCLOSURES FOR THE BUREAU:

- 1) One handbill or pamphlet of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE entitled: "Praise the Lord and Pass the Bayonets", containing a letter dated November 23, 1942.
- 2) One handbill entitled "OWI 'Experts'".
- 3) One "FACT-O-GRAM" dated September 10, 1943.
- 4) One bulletin of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, entitled: "Ah! An enemy agent....."

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION:

At New Haven, Connecticut:

Will contact the VAN DYCK PRINTING COMPANY, 945 Grand Avenue and obtain any information available in connection with the publication by JOSEPH P. KAMP of a book which has been reported to contain allegations refuting the material printed in the book "Under Cover."

Will consider the advisability of contacting FRANK W. KRAMER, Acting Collector of Internal Revenue at Hartford, Connecticut, in an effort to examine the petition reported to have been filed by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., with respect to tax exemption.

Will advise the New York Field Division what steps to take with respect to the delinquency of JOSEPH P. KAMP with Selective Service Local Board No.20 at 331 Madison Avenue, New York City.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

At New York, New York:

Will perform such additional investigation as it is instructed to perform by the New Haven Field Division with respect to the delinquency of JOSEPH P. KAMP with Selective Service Local Board No.20 at 331 Madison Avenue.

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AMERICA'S GREATEST NEGRO NEWSPAPER

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## Praise the Lord and Pass the Bayonets

ON Thursday, October 15th, the *Daily News* reprinted a letter from its readers, calling for armed revolt in all the army camps after election day.

The Virginia Quarterly Review has just published an article "The Southern Negro and the War Crisis" reviewed in last week's PV. This article suggested "counter-agitation" in the south to stop the fight of Negro people for equal rights.

William Elliott, Harvard University Professor and War Production Board executive last month stated "one of the most dangerous things in this country today is catering to Negroes."

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, said on Monday that "if the poll-tax is abolished it will mean Federal bayonets at the voting places."

The crackers sure are taking this hard. This war is a little too big for the narrow mind of the average southerner to grasp. He still thinks that the world is no bigger than his cotton patch, peanut farm, cat-fish creek, and favorite lynch-tree. But brother, this is a big world! It's going to be a free world. Only big people and free people are going to live in it. With all your threats of armed revolts, bayonets, or even your bastard deeds of lynching children nothing is going to keep FREE people back.

WE ARE GOING TO WIN THIS WAR! WE ARE GOING TO WIN THE PEACE!

WE ARE GOING TO WIN A FREE WORLD! THERE IS NO MOTHER'S SON-OF-A-GUN BORN THAT CAN STOP THIS PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION.

This state judiciary committee has passed the Poll-tax out. Many thought this would never be done. Many thought this would remain buried

within the committee, especially did they feel this true when the Judiciary Committee's sub-committee reported against it. This RECKONED WITH THE PEOPLE. One of the greatest lobbies in the history of America is functioning in Washington. National Negro and White organizations that never cooperated before are now working hand and glove.

Senator W. B. Baxley of Holly Springs, Mississippi has threatened a filibuster when the poll-tax question comes up before the house. Any Senator that dares to filibuster now on any question should be immediately impeached. We cannot afford, and the American people, black and white, north and south will not stand for such a spectacle while their sons and brothers are being slaughtered in the far corners of the earth.

Immediate impeachment of any Senator who dares to filibuster during this crisis.

While we are about it, this is the time to revive the anti-lynch bill. If the south is ever going to become a part of the Union, this is the hour. The abolition of the poll-tax, the passage of an anti-lynch bill would raise the morale of the Negro people immeasurably.

The European nations have an Atlantic Charter—the Eastern nations must have a Pacific Charter and the Negro people are going to get a Southern charter. "Praise the Lord and Pass the bayonets."

*John C. Calhoun*

"We Cannot Be Bought"—EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S VOICE—"We Will Not Be Sold."

P.S. PLEASE, Mr. Senator, Praise the Lord...and SAVE the CONSTITUTION ! JPK

# Constitutional Educational League

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## New York Headquarters

342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

OFFICE OF  
JOSEPH P. KAMP  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

November 23, 1942

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Dear Senator:-

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Please don't vote for a second Civil War! Once before the issue of states' rights brought about bitter internal conflict. It must not happen again. A vote for the anti-poll tax bill will be a vote for revolution -- bloody revolution envisioned and hoped for by many of the noisiest proponents of the measure.

Who would plunge America into a reign of turmoil and terror again? The American negro in whose alleged behalf the legislation is being fostered? NO! The elements responsible are largely professional do-gooders organized into a gigantic lobby under the influence of Communist henchmen and Nazi-minded bureaucrats. The revolutionary intrigue and ultimate aim is revealed in the editorial reproduced herein. It was written by a rabble-rousing fellow-traveler. The publisher is head of the National Negro Congress branded as a Communist "transmission belt" by Earl Browder.

Diabolical enemies of Constitutional government are using the poll tax issue as a subterfuge to tear down our American system and foist on us an order of society that is alien to every ideal and tradition for which Americans have fought and died. Worse, they are being assisted by a great many big-hearted, sincere, unthinking citizens who ought to know better.

More sinister is the fact that the disruptive and undermining wrangling over the issue is destructive of national unity and morale and, therefore, is a serious and dangerous handicap to the war effort. In pushing the controversy at this time the fanatic idealists and scheming revolutionists risk our losing the war.

The Senate must assure us the winning of the war and the preservation of the Republic by rejecting this alien inspired attempt to dictate in the affairs of sovereign states.

Respectfully yours,

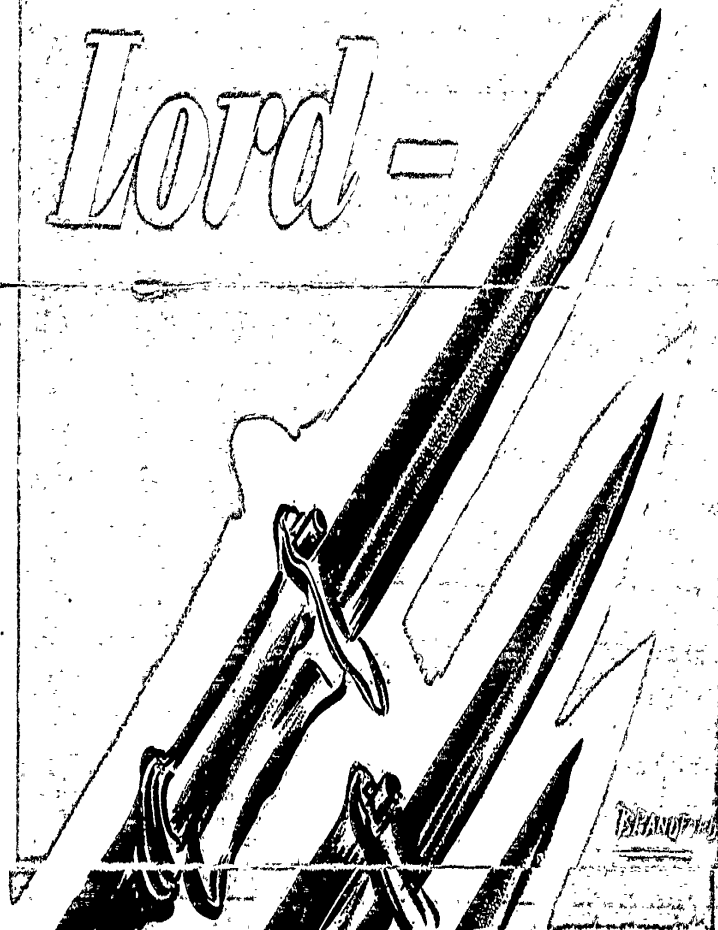
*Joseph P. Kamp*

"Organized to preserve the American System—to defend the Constitution and insure Life, Liberty and Property"



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**THE BAYONETS"**

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Ah! An enemy agent...

you just want to win the war...

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YOU TRAITOR, YOU!

SO... YOU'RE NOT FOR A "W.P.A." FOR EVERYBODY, EVERYWHERE  
IN THE WORLD... WELL - YOU HAD BETTER WATCH OUT!!

## CAPITOL STUFF

By JOHN O'DONNELL

Washington, D.C., Dec. 2.—When, shrewd, skilled Charlie Michelson this week tossed up his \$25,000-a-year job as press agent for the Democratic National Committee simply because he was getting tired and wanted a rest, the Republicans breathed a sigh of relief and the Roosevelt New Dealers groaned.

Tonight, the Republicans got a rough idea of how good Michelson was in his role of prize-harpoon tosser at Roosevelt critics.

Michelson has quit all right but the Roosevelt leaders are recruiting a whole division to take his place.

The forces now gathering to block a Roosevelt fourth term drive in '44 learned that although the Democratic National Committee must go on short publicity rations for the time being, plans have already been worked out to use 25,000 speakers in over 8,000 centers throughout the nation to put across a government-financed propaganda drive which will denounce criticism of the Roosevelt war administration as enemy-inspired.

The whole show will be financed by the funds appropriated by Congress for the Office of War Information run by Elmer Davis and the Office of Civilian Defense run by James M. Landis.

The story behind the creation of the iron-lunged battalions of "victory speakers" now scheduled to appear regularly in every village and city ward in the next year is both peculiar and curious, with plenty of political sharp angles.

Behind it all is the ancient dictum of the White House coliseum of Harry Hopkins, Archibald MacLeish, Justice Felix Frankfurter and Lowell Mellett that solidarity in the republic will come only when the



Charlie Michelson  
Apparently he'll be missed.



Harry Hopkins  
Credited with this idea.

voters think of the Roosevelt Administration and the Government of the United States as one and the same. And that any critic of the politicians in the White House must at heart be anti-American, is certainly a low fellow and on general principles should be tossed in the hoosegow for nourishing anti-New Deal heresy.

Very smartly, the Office of War Information side-stepped the red-hot political chore of spreading the New Deal gospel to the voters during the coming Presidential campaign. OWI agreed to supply the canned material, write the speeches and tell the 25,000 volunteerators what to say to denounce attacks against the Roosevelt Administration's conduct of war.

But all responsibility is placed on the Office of Civilian Defense, if and when comes the come-back.

The machinery behind the program "to get out information to the American people in government campaigns" (in which refutation of criticism of Roosevelt is to play the big part) is the brain-child of two associates of OWI Director Elmer Davis. These are John Hackett, now on loan to OWI by Look magazine, and another New York magazine director, Lombard Jones.

From OWI will come prepared speeches later to be sifted down through Landis' Office of Civilian Defense to the paid and volunteer orators. The home-grown Demosthenes will then appear at local

Chamber of Commerce luncheons, at women's clubs and such civic organizations as Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis—all of course at Treasury expense and all piously parroting the thoughts written here in the capital by government press agents to refute "enemy propaganda" directed against the Roosevelt Administration.

But OWI's hands will be politically clean in all this because Elmer Davis' outfit can shrug its shoulders and truthfully proclaim that the office of Civilian Defense is solely responsible for what is said or done by spokesmen for the Landis' outfit.

On the other hand, the Office of Civilian Defense is alert to the knowledge that it may be jockeyed into a hot political spot. They are frank in saying they are a little surprised by the new move. Until a week ago it had been their idea all along that it was the job of the Office of War Information to keep the American people informed about war developments and enemy propaganda.

But they're going ahead with the new job unexpectedly dumped into their laps.

DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1942

Bulletin

Published by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc., New York, New York

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM C. CLARK

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., ET AL.  
REGISTRATION ACT

In connection with this Bureau's investigation of the captioned case, information has been developed that Joseph Peter Kamp, who is registered under the Selective Service Act with Local Board No. 20 at 331 Madison Avenue, New York City, is delinquent with that board inasmuch as a questionnaire mailed to Mr. Kamp on August 15, 1942, has not been returned.

Inasmuch as the Criminal Division of the Department has expressed an interest in the possibility of a violation of one of the Foreign Agents Registration Acts by the subject, I would appreciate being advised as to whether or not it is believed that prosecution should be instituted against Kamp for violation of the Selective Service Act. In this connection your attention is called to the fact that Kamp is forty-three years of age.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar  
Director

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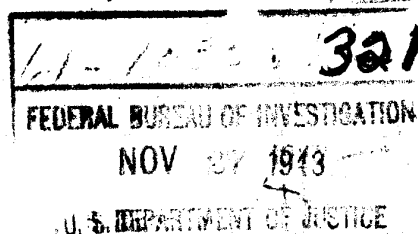
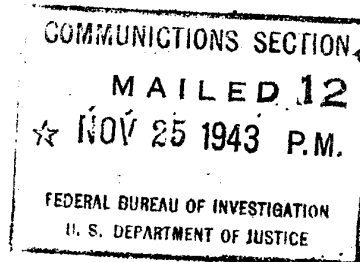
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, ET AL  
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter, dated November 11, 1943, at New York, New York, in the above-captioned case.

It is noted from this report that information is set out concerning the proposed publication by Kamp of an answer to the book "Undercover" by John Roy Carlson. In this connection, you are instructed to make appropriate arrangements to obtain two copies of this book and forward them to the Bureau immediately upon their receipt.



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SAC, New York

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**RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., ET AL.  
REGISTRATION ACT**

Dear Sir:

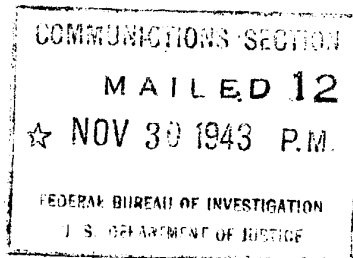
Reference is made to your letter of November 15, 1943, setting forth information concerning the possibility that subject Kamp is in violation of the Selective Service Act.

Your inquiry as to the advisability of presenting the facts to the U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York for prosecutive attention has been referred to the Department. You will be advised as soon as a reply is received.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc New Haven



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**United States Department of Justice**  
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Director, FBI

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., ET AL  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(Bureau file #61-10355)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 10, 1943 to New Haven Field division with copies thereof to New York and Albany, advising all offices receiving a copy of the letter to immediately complete the investigation outstanding in their offices and submit the results to the Bureau in the immediate future.

It has been ascertained that subject JOSEPH PETER KAMP is registered under the Selective Service Act with Local Board No. 20 at 331 Madison Avenue, New York City, and has Order Number 13999. It appears from the records of said board that a questionnaire was mailed to Mr. KAMP on August 15, 1942 and that up to this time he has failed to return the same. In view of the circumstances it was not deemed advisable for the New York Field Division to present these facts to the U. S. Attorney since it is usually considered merely a technical violation when the subject is over the draft age. The New Haven Office is requested to advise this office whether or not to present the facts of the violation of the Selective Service Act to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for prosecutive action. It is felt that the office of origin may consider the subject's continued delinquency of value if the case is presented to the Department on the Sedition or Registration Act angle.

The New Haven Field Division is further advised that according to information received by this office JOSEPH PETER KAMP is publishing a book to refute the allegations concerning himself and others contained in the book, "Under Cover", written by JOHN ROY CARLSON. The company reported to be printing the book for KAMP is the VAN DYCK PRINTING COMPANY, 945 Grand Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. It is possible that the book, or enlarged pamphlet, is now in the process of being printed by that concern. This information is being furnished to the New Haven Field Division in order that it may take such steps as it deems desirable.



CC: New Haven

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Very truly yours,

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Date: November 29, 1943

To: SAC, New Haven

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, ET AL  
REGISTRATION ACT

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 24, 1943, which referred to the report of Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter, dated November 11, 1943, at New York, New York, in connection with the captioned case. The reference letter instructed you to make appropriate arrangements to obtain two copies of the book or pamphlet which was in the process of publication by Joseph P. Kamp in answer to John Roy Carlson's "Under Cover".

Mr. Ladd

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Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Egan

Mr. Gurnea

Mr. Harbo

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The Bureau is now in receipt of a memorandum from the Department bearing the caption "United States v. Winrod, et al", a copy of which is enclosed. You are instructed to comply immediately with the request contained in this memorandum.

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOM C. CLARK,  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: UNITED STATES VERSUS WINROD, ET AL

Reference is made to your memorandum of November 14, 1943, in which you requested an investigation concerning the accuracy of a statement that Joseph P. Kamp of the Constitutional Education League is publishing a pamphlet in answer to "Undercover" by John Roy Carlson.

In connection with your request there is attached a copy of the report of Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter, dated November 11, 1943, at New York, New York, in the case entitled "Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated; Joseph Peter Kamp, alias Joseph William Kamp, Chester A. Hanson; W. Byron Swartz; John E. Watson; Frank Murphy; John Bruce Lloyd; Internal Security - C; Registration Act."

In this connection arrangements are being made to obtain a copy of the proposed publication as soon as it leaves the press. A copy of the book will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following information to the NEW YORK OFFICE, REURLET NOVEMBER  
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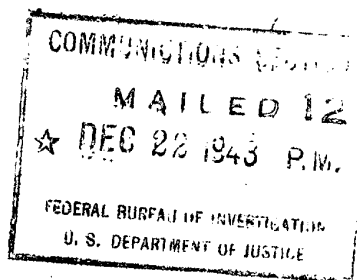
I have for acknowledgment your letter of recent date, with enclosure.

You may be assured that I have carefully reviewed the content of your communication and enclosure and wish to thank you for bringing this information to my attention.

In the event you obtain any information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, I trust you will feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Cincinnati Field Division which is located at 637 United States Post Office and Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I enclose a clipping from last  
night's local paper. I do not like it and  
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Very truly,

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URBANA DAILY CITIZEN, URBANA, OHIO

# JOHN E. WATERS

WILL SPEAK AT KINGSCREEK SCHOOL

TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 1943—8:00 P.M.

Under auspices of Farmers' Guild with local churches cooperating

## BORN AND REARED ON A CORN AND HOG FARM IN IOWA

After finishing school, Mr. Waters was employed for a number of years by large farm implement manufacturers as representative in many parts of the United States, Canada, South America and Europe. When the United States declared war in 1917 he was in Europe assisting in teaching the Allies how to operate and care for American-made agricultural machinery.

Late in 1929 Mr. Waters signed a two-year contract with the Soviet Government, to teach American methods of Power Farming in the Soviet Union. During his two-year stay in the Soviet Union he lived on large State farms in various parts of Russia and in Siberia. Having lived with the workers he had an opportunity to study first hand what life under totalitarian dictatorship means to the workers.

While in the Soviet Union, Mr. Waters had the opportunity of learning what the Communists did to regiment the masses; how they destroyed personal freedom; destroyed the churches and threatened anyone who openly dared to worship God.

For twelve years, or since he return from the Soviet Union, Mr. Waters has devoted his full time to making a study of Nazism, Fascism and Communism in the United States—how either system of Socialism brings distress to the people. He has addressed close to sixteen hundred meetings, covering an area from coast to coast.

When you hear Mr. Waters discuss the dangers of Communism and other forms of centralized governments you will more thoroughly understand the danger this country faces through the adoption of policies that have failed in other parts of the world. You will learn more about how dictatorships are established—how freedom is gradually taken away from the people, and how government becomes the plaything of bureaucrats.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TOM C. CLARK

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., et al;  
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to your memorandum of recent date in which you requested verification of the fact that Joseph P. Kamp's Selective Service questionnaire was mailed to him on August 15, 1942. You also requested to be informed as to the type of questionnaire mailed to him.

In this connection you are advised that, a regular Selective Service questionnaire, Form No. 40, was mailed to Kamp on August 15, 1942, this fact being verified from the original book entry and a notation made on the folder maintained for him by his local Board. A duplicate No. 40 questionnaire was mailed to Kamp on November 24, 1943, and Kamp has not yet returned either of these questionnaires completed.

Information has also been received that Kamp's local Draft Board received a telephone inquiry from someone who stated that he was from the Civil Service Commission. At this time the unknown person obtained information that Kamp was delinquent. No further information is available concerning this incident.

I would appreciate receiving your opinion as to the possibility of prosecution of Kamp at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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JAR. (u) CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., ETAL., REGISTRATION ACT. REURTEL DECEMBER SEVENTH INSTANT. REGULAR SS QUESTIONNAIRE FORM NO. FORTY MAILED TO KAMP AUGUST FIFTEEN, FORTY TWO, VERIFIED FROM ORIGINAL BOOK ENTRY AND FROM NOTATION ON FOLDER MAINTAINED FOR HIM. DUPLICATE NO. FORTY MAILED TO KAMP BY CLERK ROSE KATZ ON NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, FORTY THREE AND KAMP HAS NOT RETURNED SAME. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTS THAT ANTI NAZI LEAGUE GOT INFORMATION LATE THIS NOVEMBER THAT KAMP DELINQUENT. DRAFT BOARD REPORTS THAT SOMEONE STATING SELF TO BE FROM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MADE TELEPHONIC INQUIRY ABOUT KAMP NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR FORTY THREE AND LEARNED OF HIS DELINQUENCY. [REDACTED] BELIEVES KAMP MAY HAVE FAILED TO FILE QUESTIONNAIRE BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT ANTI NAZI LEAGUE TO HAVE BENEFIT OF ITS CONTENTS. LETTER WILL FOLLOW.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/11/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/22/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RICHARD C. GOTTIER IMT</b>
TITLE <b>CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; Joseph Peter Kamp, Chester A. Hanson; W. Byron Swartz, John E. Waters; Frank J. Murphy</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (G) REGISTRATION ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject MURPHY contacted CARL BOMBRIGHT, Flint, Michigan, attempting to interest him in the Constitutional Educational League and requesting a contribution from him to this organization. BOMBRIGHT did not give him a contribution and indicated that his name was furnished to MURPHY by Confidential Informant T. 1. BOMBRIGHT states MURPHY's attitude is anti-New Deal and anti-Communist.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C. RICHARD FULMER, dated August 3, 1943 at Buffalo, New York.

**DETAILS:**

**AT FLINT, MICHIGAN**

CARL W. BOMBRIGHT, vice president and treasurer of the General Foundry and Manufacturing Company, Flint, Michigan, was interviewed and advised that FRANK MURPHY contacted him around November of 1942, calling upon him at the office and displaying some literature to him relative to the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated. Mr. BOMBRIGHT stated that MURPHY did not go into the details of the organization; however, his entire conversation indicated to him that the organization was fostering anti-New Deal ideas and anti-Communist ideas. He stated that as he recalled, the theme that MURPHY followed was the fight against the Communist influence in government and also to conduct an anti-New Deal campaign.

BOMBRIGHT stated that he requested a contribution to the league. Although he did not request any specific amount, BOMBRIGHT

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stated that he gave him the impression it would take a large contribution in the neighborhood of one thousand dollars or more to satisfy him. Mr. BOMBRIGHT advised that at the time he was not interested in the proposition made by MURPHY and that he did not give him any contribution and he has not heard nor seen FRANK MURPHY since that time.

The only information he could furnish was that MURPHY indicated he came from New York upon his visit to Flint, Michigan.

Mr. BOMBRIGHT stated that he was well acquainted with Confidential Informant T. 1 as listed in the reference report and that it was his opinion that MURPHY was furnished his name by Confidential Informant T. 1. BOMBRIGHT could furnish no further information relative to FRANK J. MURPHY or his activities.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOM C. CLARK,  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**Re: UNITED STATES VERSUS WINROD,  
ET AL**

Further reference is made to Bureau memorandum of November 25, 1943, which furnished you with information concerning Joseph P. Kamp, who was stated to be in the process of publishing an answer to "Under Cover" by John Roy Carlson.

Further information has been received concerning this matter as follows. According to informants, the title of the proposed work is to be "Un-American Gestapo". It is to be a hard cover book selling for \$2.50. On the cover these additional captions are stated to appear: "Containing a Factual Analysis of 'Under Cover'" and "Exposing the Vicious Un-American Gestapo".

A confidential source has stated that the original manuscript for the book contains a large amount of "factual and documentary evidence". The book attempts to show that Dorothy Waring's motive in her anti-Nazi work is part of the "Austrian Monarchist Movement". Kamp is said to accuse Miss Waring of being an Austrian propagandist, whose expenses were paid by Otto of Austria.

According to the informant, the book also is to contain a complete background of Arthur Derounian, author of "Under Cover".

Among other persons stated to be subject to analysis in the book is Professor James A. Sheldon, who, according to Kamp, was one of the original committee members of the American League for Peace and Democracy stated to be an outgrowth of the Congress Against War and Fascism. Kamp is reported to charge that in its early days the Anti-Nazi League was financed by Nazi funds in that it accepted advertising in the Anti-Nazi Bulletin from a firm allegedly owned by Nazi interests.

The title "Un-American Gestapo" is said to refer to organizations including the Friends of Democracy, the Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith and others which maintain investigative units.

The above mentioned informant has stated that Kamp's idea is that the publication of his book and the Wheeler sub-Committee Hearings on

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Mr. Tom C. Clark  
Assistant Attorney General

"Under Cover" will occur at approximately the same time with the trial of the thirty-four seditionists. Because of this, the informant advised, Kamp calculates that the book will arouse tremendous interest throughout the country which will be taken up and spread on the front pages of the press.

As further information is received concerning this matter, you will be advised.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

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New York, New York  
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Director, FBI

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.,  
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REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype dated December 7, 1943, in which it was stated that the Department desires verification of the date questionnaire was mailed to Subject KAMP as well as the type of questionnaire, and that decision relative to prosecution was being held pending receipt of this verification.

The Bureau was advised by teletype from the New York Field Division on December 10, 1943, that the type of questionnaire mailed to the Subject on August 15, 1942, was the regular Selective Service Questionnaire, Form No. 40, which was verified from the original entry thereof on the master book in the possession of Local Board 20, 331 Madison Avenue, New York City. The Bureau was also advised that a duplicate questionnaire was mailed to KAMP on November 24, 1943.

MRS. ROSE KATZ, Local Board 20, advised she had mailed a duplicate questionnaire on November 24, 1943 because a man from the Civil Service Commission (she was not certain whether it was the United States Civil Service or the State Civil Service, although she believed it to be the former), called on November 24, 1943, by telephone to find out what KAMP's classification was. She questioned him about the reason for the inquiry and he stated that KAMP had applied for a job and that they were checking on his classification. This man stated that KAMP still lived at the same address, and he could not account for the reason for his having failed to return his questionnaire. MRS. KATZ advised this person, who represented himself as an employee of the Civil Service Commission, that KAMP had not returned his questionnaire and was delinquent.

The information pertaining to the mailing of the duplicate questionnaire, form No. 40, appears on the typewritten memorandum



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maintained in the folder of said Local Board under KAMP's name. MRS. KATZ advised that the duplicate questionnaire had not been returned.

MR. HENRY COHEN, clerk at Local Board 20, advised that the entries on the mailing of the original questionnaires were made in the master book on the date the questionnaires were mailed. b7D

Please be advised that Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, gave the following information to Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter of this office on December 3, 1943:

During the latter part of November 1943, MISS DOROTHY WARING of the ~~NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE~~ advised [redacted] KAMP was delinquent with his draft board, having failed to return his questionnaire. On a later date, while [redacted] MR. KAMP, KAMP made several remarks about the ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE and DOROTHY WARING and stated that he was glad that they did not have access to his Selective Service Questionnaire for if they did, the LEAGUE would obtain much information from it which he did not want them to have. b7D

[redacted] was advised that the ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE is reported to have an "in" in nearly every Governmental agency except this Bureau and was able to obtain information in regard to practically any individual's Selective Service Status. He advised that for the past four months KAMP has been working on material for a book to be released after the first of the year. The title is "Un-American Gestapo". It is to be a hard-cover book, selling at \$2.50. On the cover these additional captions are to appear: "Containing a factual analysis of 'Under Cover' " and "Exposing the vicious un-American Gestapo".

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Informant advised [redacted] and that it contains a mass of factual and documentary evidence, and that it reported to show DOROTHY WARING's motive in her anti-Nazi work as part of the "Austrian Monarchist Movement."

KAMP accused WARING of being an Austrian propagandist whose expenses were paid by OTTO OF AUSTRIA.

Also contained in the book is the complete background

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of Arthur ~~X~~Derounian, author of ~~X~~"Under Cover".

Another person subjected to analysis in the book is PROFESSOR JAMES A. ~~X~~SHELDON, who, according to KAMP, was one of the original committee members of the ~~X~~AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY, which was an out-growth of the ~~X~~CONGRESS AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM. KAMP charges that in its early days the ~~X~~ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE was financed by Nazi Funds, by that he means that they accepted advertising in the Anti-Nazi Bulletin from a firm allegedly owned by Nazi interests. He cites a vicious circle of democratic organizations which include the ~~X~~Friends of Democracy, the ~~X~~Anti-defamation League, ~~X~~Bnai Brith, and also others. He alleges that the investigative departments maintained by these organizations constitute the "Un-American Gestapo".

KAMP's idea is that the publication of his book and the Wheeler sub-Committee Hearings on "Under Cover" will all break at approximately the same time as the trial of the 34 seditionists. Because of this, it is calculated that the book will arouse tremendous interest throughout the country which will be taken up and spread on the front pages of the press.

According to the Informant, due to the fact that the 34 persons on trial for sedition come from widely separated sections of the country, the various followers of the individuals on trial will comprise a potential national interest in KAMP's book.

Informant states that among other things, DOROTHY WARING alleges that she has discovered that when KAMP published the ~~X~~"Awakener" in company with HAROLD ~~X~~WARNEY, their rent was paid by an Italian alien through the Bank of Italy through the year 1938.

Also included in KAMP's book is a short sketch of DR. LEON ~~X~~BURKHEAD, who is the head of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY. The most serious charge contained in the book, according to the Informant, is to the effect that DOROTHY WARING represents herself to be an F. B. I. Agent and an Agent of G-2 on numerous occasions. The Informant states that this is the only charge that a Federal Law has been violated, except that it was charged that DOROTHY WARING is working as an Austrian propagandist under the Austrian Monarchist Movement.

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In the book, KAMP is also supposed to have alleged that PROFESSOR SHELDON obtained a six-month deferment for one JOSEPH KLEINFELD, who was in charge of the publicity of the ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE. KLEINFELD is on the City Desk now of MARSHALL FIELD's newspaper, PM, which this Informant described as the "up-town edition of the DAILY WORKER". Informant states that KLEINFELD has since been classified 4F by his Local Board, according to PROFESSOR SHELDON, who admits the incident.

According to the ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE, Informant stated that the cuts and lithograph work for KAMP's book is being done by the LONG ISLAND LITHOGRAPH COMPANY.

The ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE's "information-gatherer" on statistics pertaining to KAMP, according to Informant, is SALLY M. CONNLEY, of 872 East 181st Street, Bronx, New York.

Informant stated that the PATRIOTIC PUBLISHING COMPANY is a concern which is run by JOSEPH P. KAMP and his brother-in-law, BENTLY AACK. He described this publishing company as a commercial publishing company which prints pamphlets of a non-political nature for the money which they believe that the pamphlets will bring; that there is nothing political about it, although its offices are the same as those of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE.

Informant advised that DOROTHY WARING of the ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE is going on a lecture tour sponsored by the RED PATH LECTURE BUREAU of White Plains, New York, and that the circulars announcing her tour refer to her as "Secret Agent 89". At the bottom of the circulars, it states that she is not an agent of the F. B. I.

This Informant advised that in his opinion it is possible that KAMP may have failed to return his questionnaire in view of the fact that he did not want the NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE to have access to information contained therein.

It was felt that the Bureau might desire this information at this time in view of the fact that the Department is presently considering the prosecution of KAMP for his failure to return his questionnaire.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy  
E. E. Conroy, SAC (wjm)

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Detroit, Mich.

December 23rd. 1943:

Information has been recieved that Joseph Kamp is writing a book about the "Jewish Gestapo" and that this will shortly be published. It's title will be "Underworld Gestapo" or something of a similar nature. His book will attach the Anti-Defamation League.

Kamp is a functionary in the Constitutional Educational League which has turned out several millions of pieces of literature attacking alleged communistic tendencies in the New Deal, Communism, C.I.O., etc. He seems to be a very capable man in his field.

In the next few days he will visit Mr. G.L.K. Smith, for what purposes we have no way of knowing. Kamp has recieved honorable notice and plenty of publicity in John Roy Carlsons book "Undercover".

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